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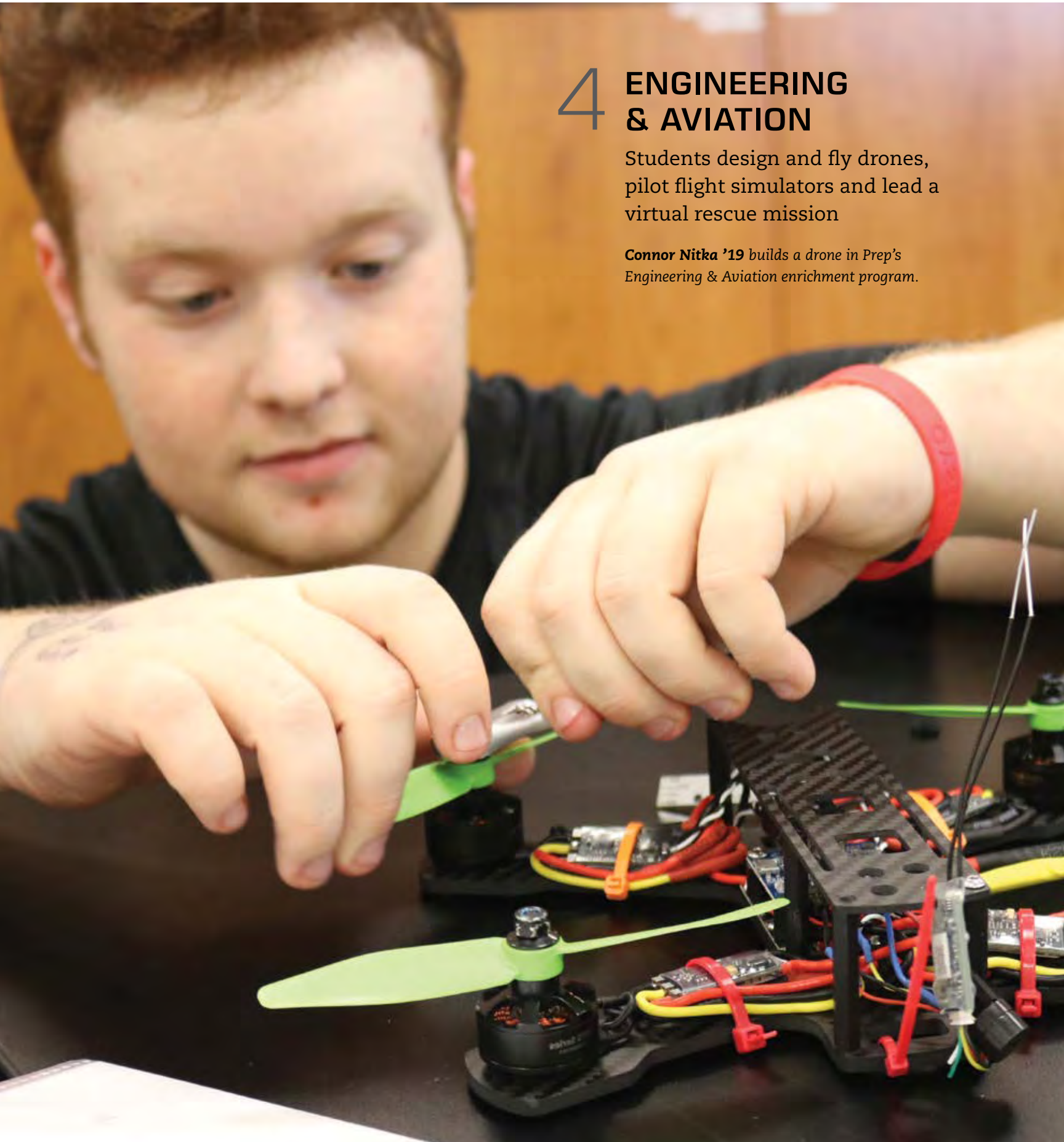
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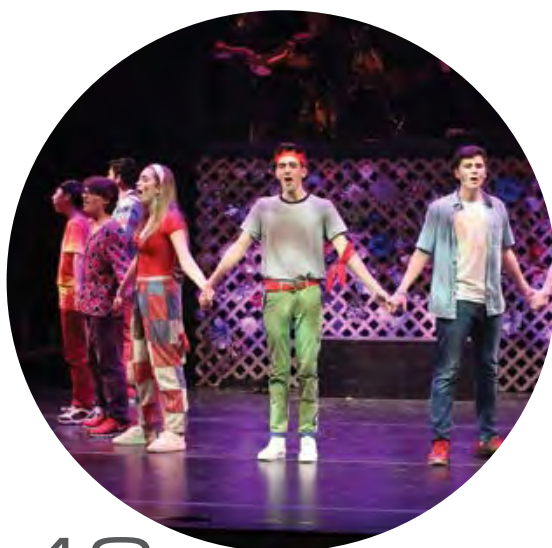




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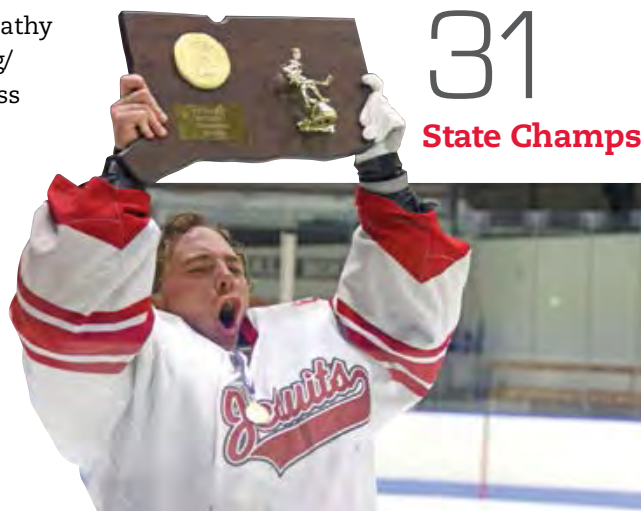
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Dear **Friends,**

Fairfield Prep is a learning, discerning community. We all know that high school boys are high energy, abounding in enthusiasm and curiosity. You may be surprised to see the varied ways this dynamism gets channeled in positive ways that lead to learning and service. These pages display academic initiatives that not only develop the whole person, but are also a lot of fun. It is wonderful watching students discover their talents and passions in unexpected ways. The real joy is to then see them transform their gifts into service to others.

This summer, I traveled to Jamaica on Prep's annual immersion trip with 12 students and Sarah Stanley, our Director of Christian Service. We shared a powerful experience at the Mustard Seed orphanage in Montego Bay. It was so impressive seeing how quickly our young men, juniors and seniors, adapted and responded to new situations in a different cultural context. Every day, we

learned so much from the children and their caregivers. They inspired us with their faith, hope, and love. Indeed, we saw true holiness in action. Every evening during our faith sharing, we reflected on how the day's events were forming us and how God was calling each of us to greater service.

Fairfield Prep is special because of our Jesuit tradition of "Finding God in all things." It is a reminder that the love of our Creator can be found in every friendship, classroom, and co-curricular. If we are open to growth, God can even be found in the cockpit of a flight simulator! Hopefully, you too will find a glimpse of the Divine in the pages that follow.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!



Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.

President





## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# Dear **Prep Community,**

It is with great enthusiasm that my family and I join the Prep community for the 2018-2019 academic year. It is an honor to be a part of a school with such a rich history and tradition. As a young man, I was fortunate to have had the experience of a Jesuit education, and that opportunity ultimately inspired my vocation to teach. It is an awesome opportunity to be able to educate and form intellectually competent and compassionate young men in the Ignatian tradition. My goal as an educator has always been to afford students the very best experiences academically, spiritually and athletically. I am most excited about making the student experience at Prep memorable, and it will be a privilege to work alongside our exceptional faculty in achieving that goal.

My interactions with members of the faculty, students, parents and alumni have conveyed Prep's pride and given me a great sense as to how special this school family is. The enthusiasm is contagious, and our sincere goal is to build upon the successes of the past. Our Jesuit education challenges us to be leaders in our school and to serve others. My expectation of all the students is that they leave their very positive mark on Prep. The specific expectation of the seniors as leaders is to make this, their final year at Prep, their very best.

I look forward to collaborating with everyone as we work to make the new academic year great and to meeting many more of you in the fall.

Go Prep!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Tom de Quesada".

Thomas de Quesada, EdD  
Principal

# Hands-On Learning

## Students design and fly drones, pilot flight simulators and lead a virtual rescue mission

**T**he energy in the classroom was palpable. During a chilly Saturday morning in January, a group of Prep students zipped around a Xavier Hall science lab, crunching numbers on a computer, listening to reports over a two-way radio and engaging in intense discussions in front of a topographical map of Montana projected onto a wall. The situation was dire. A fighter pilot went down in a mountain region, and these Prep students were working diligently to locate the crash site.

This whole scenario was, of course, a simulation — one meant to encourage leadership and team building, and streamlined from a similar simulation used by companies like GE and Bigelow. It was the first major exercise in Prep's after-school Engineering & Aviation program, a 30-hour STEM course created and administered by Orange-based company Milestone C in which Prep students learned how to design, construct and fly their own drones.

"That (simulation) taught us that you need to communicate with others to get stuff done... and that you need to overcome challenges and learn to adapt on the fly," said **Henry Houghton '19**, one of the program participants who wants to study engineering in college.

Offered for the first time at Prep during the 2017-18 school year, the program was facilitated by aerospace and engineer professionals who seek to apply the knowledge taught in STEM courses — science, technology, engineering and math — to real world situations, said Cemocan "Gemo" Yesil, Milestone co-founder and CEO.

"The whole point in what we do is not to supplement the STEM education," Yesil said. "But to give (the students) real world context for STEM." The program — which both Yesil and co-founder David Conelias administered themselves — begins with the team-building simulation, moving after that into a small flight school before heading into the main project: the drone construction. The Prep



David Scheu Jr., retired U.S. Commander and Director of Aviation at IAC and Expedia



Joseph Everard '20 (holding control), David Conelias, Milestone C Co-Founder, Seker Ebron '19 (far right)

students worked in teams of five or six, with each student assuming a necessary role — similar to engineering projects at real world aviation companies, Yesil said. Some of the roles included engineers, program leaders and pilots, and the students were tasked with making their own objectives and encouraged to solve problems on their own.

"We stay out of the way as much as we humanly can," Yesil said. "We only step in and help if they are about to hurt themselves."

The construction process included assembling the drone, wiring the motors and making sure the more complex parts of the device — the computer board and power distributor

— were in place, said **Connor Nitka '19**, who acted as chief engineer on his team and also wants to focus on engineering in college.

"The majority of the program for me was working on the drone, which was a lot of fun," Nitka said. "A lot of it was figuring it out on our own." Nitka said his group got along well. Some of the students he didn't know ended up being friends during the process, he said.

The students were also allowed to fail — an aspect of the course that Yesil said is very important in the engineering field. He said the students are given a large portion of data, and they have to sort their way through it to figure out what's important to them. "The more hands-off you are in the project-based classes, the more hands-on the students will be," Yesil said.

Houghton, who acted as the chief engineer on his team of six, said his biggest takeaway from the program was learning how to work with others and how to diagnose a challenge in a number of ways. He said each member of his team was able to contribute a part to the project, and that he enjoyed the hands-on aspect of the program the most.

"Overall, the Milestone C program is the first thing that I've done at Prep that felt like real life," Houghton said. "When you make the wrong choice, you mess up and you need to deal with the consequences."

By Ronald DeRosa, Digital Communications Manager



*“The biggest thing that I took away from it was how to work with others and how to look at a challenge and diagnose it in so many different ways.”*

HENRY HOUGHTON '19



From left: Zach Simonetti '20,  
Henry Houghton '19 and  
David Conelias, Milestone C  
Co-Founder





## Math Team Takes 3rd in State

The Fairfield Prep Math Team won 3rd place in the state competition held at Bristol Eastern School. They also qualified for and competed in the Regional Competition in Canton, Massachusetts, in April.

The Math Team participated in the Fairfield County Math League, competing against 26 other schools. The top 13 schools advanced in the state competition where there were 40 other schools from the entire state. The state competition included three divisions: small, medium and large. In the medium division, Prep took 3rd place. Since the team finished in the top three, they qualified for the regional competition in Canton.

Front row, from left: Math Teacher/Moderator Amy Ardito, **Albert Jia '19**, **Matthew Torres '19**, **Bowen Chen '18**, **Haoxiang Zhang '18**, **Junzhao Jang '20**, **Matthew Howard '18** and former Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta. Back row from left: **Andy Yang '19**, **Ziyuan Guo '20**, **Jeremy Wang '21**, **Barry Li '19**, **Haochen He '19**, **Michael Lin '18**.

# STEM Synergy

## Dune Restoration at Stratford Point

Prep's senior elective Environmental Science class spent a day at the Stratford Point shoreline restoration project in the spring. The project is a cooperative effort involving the town of Stratford, Audubon of Connecticut, and Sacred Heart University. Students learned about environmental renewal and spent more than 100 man-hours working on dune restoration.





## AP Physics Takes on Rube Goldberg

**AP** physics students demonstrated their knowledge of physics by designing, creating, and explaining a Rube Goldberg device. The challenge was to build a device that was capable of setting off a mousetrap through a series of self-driven interactions. Through the study of Rube Goldberg machines, students were able to evaluate the importance and usefulness of the many machines in the world around them while exploring new engineering techniques.





# Reading for Others

## MEET THE TEACHER CHAMPIONING EMPATHY THROUGH SPORTS STORIES



Jayné Penn, English teacher, was the recipient of a 2018 Dean's Award for Student Excellence at the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions at Fairfield University. She was also selected to present her curriculum at the NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) conference in November. As a Division I Track athlete at Georgetown University, she grew interested in sports stories and community activism. She is looking to the potential of Young Adult Literature, with a focus on sports, to explore empathy with her students. The following story is a summary of an article Jayné wrote for YAWednesday.com titled "The Potential of Young Adult Sports Literature in Teaching Empathy at a Jesuit High School."

Pictured with Jayné is Dr. Bryan Ripley Crandall, Assistant Professor of the Practice of Curriculum & Instruction & Director of Connecticut Writing Project

**M**otivating young men to become critical readers who question the world around them and respect multiple perspectives is my primary goal here at Fairfield Prep. Jesuit schools encourage people to be Men and Women for Others, and I want my students to see themselves as individuals influenced by larger networks outside their own environmental bubble.

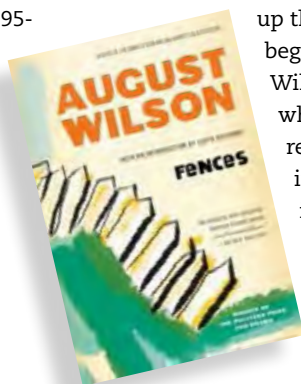
A few years ago, I began exploring the theme of *empathy* in each new book I taught to help my students appreciate other cultures and lifestyles. As an African American female educator—who knows what it feels like to be the only black woman in the classroom—my personal story differs vastly from those I teach, so I've had to be creative with my methods. But I quickly found a link between our experiences and literature: sports.

As a Division I track runner, I can relate to the 95-plus percent of Prep students who participate in athletics. I realized sports stories might be the way to expose

my students to different cultures and backgrounds, and to bridge their worlds with the worlds lived by others. Many students who identify as athletes relate positively to athletic narratives. An athletic lens, especially in relation to teaching *empathy*, provides one way to diversify reading experiences in the classroom. Sports stories unite their stories.

To better help them understand *empathy*, I designed a project for my sophomore class named *The Athlete Narrative*, which also explores the idea of the *hero in moral conflict*. Students choose one athlete who they respect but know very little about, then research and write a report on their journey, looking critically at their career and the many influences that shaped them. I wanted them to see that like the characters in the books we read, we are impacted by the communities we belong to. That is, a person is a person because of other people.

In an effort to mix up the curriculum, I began teaching August Wilson's play *Fences*, which touches on relevant themes including: sports, race issues, family issues, personal growth



*In order to be most effective as a teacher, I've had to be creative in my teaching methods.*

challenges, the journey into manhood, and ethics. *Fences* explores the conflicts within a male protagonist, Troy Maxon, and his effect on family and friends.

As a former baseball player in the Negro Leagues who was rejected from being integrated into Major League Baseball, Troy blocks his son Cory's opportunity to play college football. The play serves as a vehicle to dig into Troy's history and to question the choices he makes throughout the book. Troy's decisions throughout the script make it hard to like him yet learning his past helps to understand that his flaws make him the individual that he is.

Promoting sports narratives

and stories that expose cultural differences and have relatable characters help my students to better engage with literature. Reading stories like *Fences* enables students to avoid preconceptions of people they do not know and provides a scaffold to connect students' prior knowledge with new knowledge. Using the theme of *empathy* has allowed my students to understand experiences different from theirs and, in turn, to see the humanity in people and not just occupations or labels. This kind of multicultural knowledge is something I hope my students appreciate not only in their high school experience but throughout their lives.







A group of students and adults are gathered on a green field, holding up a large, multi-colored parachute that has been opened. The parachute features a rainbow pattern with sections of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The students are wearing various casual clothing, including t-shirts and shorts. One student in the foreground is wearing a red t-shirt with "PREP 2021" printed on the back. The background shows a black fence and some trees under a clear sky.

# Our Ignatian Mission

## Freshman Field Day

The Prep Class of 2021 had a fun-filled day hosting their buddies from St. Raphael's in Bridgeport as part of their Christian Service curriculum for freshman year. It was a beautiful day and enjoyed by everyone. Prep is grateful to continue its partnership with St. Raphael's and their students.



## Serving in Jamaica

In July a group of Prep juniors and seniors traveled to Montego Bay, Jamaica, to partner with Mustard Seed Communities, an organization that serves people living with disabilities. The immersion provided a great experience for the Prep students to form relationships and provide service to the community. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., led this year's trip with Director of Christian Service Sarah Stanley.



*“These kids had so much energy and a great willingness to learn and participate... my buddy, a kindergartner named Julian, and I had a lot more in common than I had originally thought... I was truly blessed to have met him.”*

WILLIAM GUALTIERE '21



## Appalachia Immersion

In June a group of 36 Prep juniors and seniors headed down to rural Virginia for the annual Appalachia Immersion experience. Our students spent the week partnering with the community center in Fries and Glenwood Methodist Church in Barren Springs where they built relationships with community members, learned about the towns, and lent a hand wherever needed.



A young man with a blue baseball cap and a red t-shirt is carrying a young boy on his shoulders. The boy is wearing a red and grey t-shirt and is smiling. They are in a dirt courtyard with a concrete wall and trees in the background. Other children are visible in the background, some playing soccer.

# Go For and Set the World

## Ecuador

### Prep students experience Rostro de Cristo

A group of Fairfield Prep students had the privilege of spending April break with the community of Arbolito in Ecuador. Prep's continued partnership with Rostro de Cristo introduces students to wonderful neighbors in the program as well as various organizations that support the

Will Giangrande '19



# th on Fire



community. This year, Prep's group visited Padre Damien House (a home for people living with Hansen's disease – more commonly known as leprosy) and Semillas de Mostaza (an after-school program for children in the community). The group was warmly welcomed into many homes of families in the area for meaningful conversation about diverse topics. Rostro's program focuses strongly on building relationships and deepening the faith and commitment to issues of justice of their retreatants.



## Christian Leaders in Training

The Campus Ministry office held a Christian Leadership Retreat and Workshop designed to empower our students to explore their leadership potential. Students develop key leadership skills and engage in team-building activities including a high ropes course. The group will meet during the upcoming academic year to discuss how they are putting their leadership skills into practice. Students who participate in this program are recommended by faculty and staff and are offered the opportunity to apply. At the end of the experience students wrote leadership mission statements:

*"I will strive to be empathetic, compassionate, mature, assertive and adaptable; these qualities allow me to set myself apart from the pack and be a leader, not a follower."*

JIMMY FITZPATRICK '19

*"I will live each day with respect for others, integrity, and the magis so that I can be a positive influence and role model in the Prep community."*

JAMIE FINNERTY '19



# Global Citizens

During the summer of 2018, Fairfield Prep initiated a union with Überlingen High School on Lake Constance in Germany and fellow Jesuit school, St. Blasein, in the Black Forest. As a Jesuit school, Prep is interested

in making connections with educators and students from a variety of school systems around the world. The current mission of the Jesuit Schools Network (JSN) involves a focus on promoting and fostering international connections by linking Jesuit schools in

a variety of countries. The connection between Connecticut and Überlingen has been longstanding since 1980 when Annelies Venus (Ridgefield, CT) and Lothar Fritz (Überlingen) embarked on the initial exchange. As the last Ridgefield-Überlingen

*“There’s so much media on how we’re so different than others, but this exchange showed me how close I can be with someone on the other side of the world.”*

CHRISTOPHER GEISERT '18





exchange happened in 2016 many involved were concerned that after 36 years of exchanges this opportunity would be lost. This is where Fairfield Prep saw an opportunity to engage its community on a global scale with students and families in Germany.

Prep students attended classes at Überlingen and St. Blasein and saw the similarities high school students share worldwide. They toured both cities and experienced the culture firsthand. Our students have made connections with their host families that will hopefully last a lifetime.

By sharing resources, experiences, challenges and ideas the schools are creating global citizens. As an integral part of our Jesuit education, Prep students learn about the importance of being 'Men for Others' locally and globally. Überlingen and Fairfield Prep are working on a combined 3-day service project with St. Blasein for 2020. "These endeavors will provide ways for our students to be aware of, connect to, and collaborate with their

peers across cultures. The aim is to help each student learn with an awareness of global citizenship and social justice through the service requirement and an appreciation of the world around them; producing people of conscience, competence, compassion and commitment." (JSN)



By Kathleen Jackson, Theology Teacher





# Student Happenings



**MOUSETRAP MANIA IN PHYSICS** Physics students' top performance in the annual Mousetrap Car project finals earned them a spot in Prep's "Championship of Champions" competition to determine the best car of the year. The top performers from each of the 12 sections of Physics were invited to participate along with several "wildcard" picks at the discretion of the three Physics teachers. Winning the first ever Mousie Award for farthest traveling mousetrap car in the Championship was **Richard Nolan '20** (center left).



**WELLNESS FAIR** On April 23, the Guidance Department presented Fairfield Prep's fourth annual Wellness Fair. Presenters from Fairfield University's School of Nursing and Counseling and Psychological Services Center, as well as representatives from the Norma Pfriem Breast Center, helped to raise awareness on crucial areas of health and wellness. Mrs. Lisa Sheehan, P'19 presented about the development of mindfulness. The fair was open to the entire community and served hundreds of Prep students as they learned in an interactive format about skin cancer, breast and testicular cancer, vaping, stress reduction, texting and driving, and the effects of drugs and alcohol.



**CT SCIENCE FAIR** **Antonios Boudreau '21** was awarded 2nd honors for his CT Science & Engineering Fair project about "Low to zero cost water filtration using common fungi." The fair was held at Quinnipiac University from March 12-17. Its objective is to attract young people to careers in science and engineering while developing skills essential to critical thinking.



**BARNUM FESTIVAL PRINCE** **Michael Fickes '19** was named Barnum Festival Prince for 2018. Members of the Court were chosen based on their scholastic achievement (top 20% of their class), their leadership ability, and their extracurricular activities. They also must be community spirited and must support fellow students in their academic, non-academic, and/or social endeavors. Michael was nominated by Prep. The annual Barnum Festival is a seasonal celebration of the City of Bridgeport and its surrounding towns, dating back to 1948.

**Michael Fickes '19** (far right), shown with Barnum Festival Court





### SENIORS WIN \$10,000 FOR CARDINAL SHEHAN CENTER

On April 23, five seniors from Fairfield Prep participated in the first Social Justice Tournament in partnership with four other Jesuit high schools in New York City. Each school prepared a presentation on an organization the students had a partnership with and wanted to raise awareness and funds for. The students presented on why donors should support the organization. Our students selected the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport where they all volunteer for their senior year service commitment. The group won \$10,000 for the Shehan Center, who will use the funds to support their after school and Saturday program which “provides a variety of growth enhancing educational and recreational activities.”

Pictured from left: **Sasha Mead, Jordan Wingate, Victor Michaca and Brian Donahue** (not pictured: **Patrick Demakos**)



**ASCENSION MASS** The Prep community celebrated the Feast of the Ascension with Bishop Caggiano as the principal celebrant and homilist. Two students received the Sacrament of Confirmation: **William Giangrande '19** with sponsor **Jack Feeney '18** (pictured), and **Charles Fenton '21** with sponsors Shane Dreher and Daniel Auburn. The Campus Ministry office offers the RCIA sacramental preparation program.

### INTRAMURAL COMPETITIONS

The 2017-2018 Intramural season is in the books! This year, the Intramural Program introduced a new sport (Volleyball) and recorded repeat championship teams in two different sports. With hundreds of students participating in the Intramural Program throughout three seasons, the Fairfield Prep day does not end at 2:30. On McAuliffe Hill, the Quad, or in Brissette Gym, students compete for Championship t-shirts and bragging rights in Wiffle Ball, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Basketball, and Flag Football. Congratulations to our 2017-2018 Intramural Champions!



**SIKORSKY AWARD** **Alex Nordlinger '19** was chosen as a top student in math and science to represent Fairfield Prep at the Sikorsky Awards. He was among select high school juniors from Fairfield and New Haven counties who were honored for excelling in math and science studies by Fairfield University's School of Engineering and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation.

Pictured with Alex is Science chair Deborah Kiel.






SPRING CONCERT

# Prep's Got Talent!

The Prep Music Department's annual Spring Concert was performed on May 16 in the Kelley Theater of the Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The performance included selections by groups that represent the entire music department at Prep: Combined Symphonic Orchestra, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble; Men's Choir; Jazzuits and Encords. In addition, the men's chorus was joined by the ladies of Lauralton Hall's Advanced Vocal Ensemble.

 Watch video highlights  
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# 'Godspell'

## A Message of Tolerance and Hope

The Prep Players inspired the audience with a great performance of *Godspell* on May 10, 11 and 12 at the Quick Center for the Arts. The musical is a series of parables, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, about Jesus and the timeless messages of kindness, tolerance and hope. Director and Fine Arts Chair Megan Hoover praised her cast and crew: "This ... captured everything that this amazing group of students is all about."

The Prep Players were recognized by Seven Angels Theatre with 14 Halo nominations for the *Peter and the Starcatcher* (fall 2017) and *Godspell* productions. *Peter and the Starcatcher* won two Halo Awards. See award listing at right.



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## HALO AWARD WINNERS



- ★ **BEST PROPS DESIGN AND/OR MANAGEMENT:** Cast of *Peter And The Starcatcher*
- ★ **BEST FEMALE STANDOUT PERFORMANCE IN AN ENSEMBLE PLAY OR MUSICAL:** Audrey Burns as Molly Aster in *Peter And The Starcatcher*

## HALO AWARD NOMINATIONS

### PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

- BEST COMIC MALE PERFORMANCE IN A PLAY:**  
**Teddy Whiteman** as Smee
- BEST COMIC FEMALE PERFORMANCE IN A PLAY:**  
Mackenzie Wenzel as The Fighting Prawn
- BEST CHOREOGRAPHER:** Mackenzie Wenzel, Sydney Middleton, Taylor McCuaig
- BEST PERFORMANCE BY A COUPLE OR DYNAMIC DUO OR MORE IN A PLAY:**  
**Thomas Rudden & Teddy Whiteman** as Black Stache & Smee
- BEST PERFORMANCE BY A CAST IN AN ENSEMBLE PLAY OR MUSICAL:** *Peter And The Starcatcher*
- BEST MALE STANDOUT PERFORMANCE IN AN ENSEMBLE PLAY OR MUSICAL:** **Thomas Rudden** as Black Stache
- BEST CONTEMPORARY PLAY:** *Peter And The Starcatcher*

### GODSPELL

- BEST FEMALE STANDOUT PERFORMANCE IN AN ENSEMBLE PLAY OR MUSICAL:**  
Audrey Burns as Judas
- BEST ORIGINAL PROGRAM COVER DESIGN OR ARTWORK:** **Jack Wheeler**
- BEST CLASSICAL MUSICAL:** *Godspell*
- BEST FEATURED DANCER:** Taylor McCuaig
- BEST SPECIALTY ENSEMBLE:** *On The Willows*



## Art Show

The Annual Art Show was held on May 22 and featured artwork from our freshman Visual Arts students as well as our sophomores, juniors and seniors in the Studio Art class. More than 175 works were displayed using a variety of mediums including: pencil and graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, oil and chalk pastel, watercolor, tempera and acrylic paint. There were also many digital works displayed including several digital illustrations, graphic design projects and even a guitar design. As a requirement for freshman Visual Arts, each student displayed at least one work of art created during the school year. Seven freshmen were recognized for their consistent effort and achievement throughout the year and received "Outstanding Artist" awards. They included: **Darren Blount, John Willcox, Sean Yu, Nicholas Morris, Christopher Melillo, Oliver Kwon** and **Jason Jorge**. The show also highlighted the three students selected to represent Prep at the Annual SCC Art Show held on April 30: **Yuxin "Lucas" Yang '20, Juvaughn Lee '19, and Buzheng Lee '18.**







# BRICKS IN THE WALL OF



Senior Week turned what could have been a week of sad goodbyes into one of enjoyable unity and communal reflection upon four years of intellectual and spiritual development. This series of fun events brought us much closer together as a class of 207 young men and instilled within us a desire to remain active members of the Prep community in the years to come. Dr. Perrotta's speech at our commencement ceremony touched upon the themes of dedication, hope, and resilience. He assured us that although we were leaving Prep, we had learned a great deal about our dreams and ourselves and were prepared to take on the future with an open mind. Hearing the names of my classmates being called at commencement reminded me that, as **Alexander McMullen** stated in his introductory remarks, each senior truly was a "brick in the wall of brotherhood." Each name supported the one that came before and after it, culminating in a cohesive wall of unique and talented young men. As the names of my classmates reached the far corners of Alumni Hall, I knew that each graduate was about to begin a new life consisting of new experiences, friends, and family. Yet as each senior enters this stage of his life, he undoubtedly will remain a foundational component of Fairfield Prep's Class of 2018.

As time stretches its arms forward and we move further away from our time at Prep, we will remember most keenly the times of great success, strife, and satisfaction. By providing us with the opportunity to take a step back and reflect upon these moments outside the

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classroom with friends, Senior Week helped us recognize that our four years at Fairfield Prep had shaped us into a completely different people than the ones who entered Arrupe Hall for the first time in the fall of 2014 and enabled us to begin the social and academic transition to higher education. I greatly appreciate the events of the week for giving us the chance before commencement to unite as a class and lay the foundation for a new period of our friendships following commencement. The time we spent together during Senior Week gave us confidence that this was merely the beginning of our journeys as Prep brothers in the global community around us. This time of enjoyable reflection encouraged us to recall the importance of continuing to live according to the Jesuit teachings of *cura personalis*, the *magis*, and *eloquentia perfecta* and will forever remind us that Fairfield Prep molded us into young "Men for Others."

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By **Nick Allen '18**, pictured above far left, who received the Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J., Award for his success with a literary publication, the Biological Sciences Award, and the Medal of St. Ignatius of Loyola at the Baccalaureate Mass. He will attend Columbia University in the fall.





# BROTHERHOOD



*“Four years ago we were nothing more than an unruly mess of freshmen, but today, I look out over 206 refined individuals ready to take on whatever we may encounter, succeed no matter what it takes, and carry on the Fairfield Prep legacy. ...I think we are all on our way to accomplishing greatness...”*

Taken from the Senior Farewell Address by Christopher Kwon, Jr.



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# Words of Wisdom

Taken from the commencement address given by former Principal, **Dr. Robert Perrotta**, retiring after 49 years of service

I have been asked to impart to you words of wisdom gleaned from a 49-year career at Prep — a career surrounded by outstanding Ignatian educators and exceptional students whose competence, conscience and compassion never cease to amaze me.

However, to wax profound on Prep's virtues would make for a boring speech. Instead, I would like to share my insights on what is wrong with Fairfield Prep.....

Let's face it. Prep is out of step with popular culture. Our Ignatian values do not resonate with what we hear, see, and read in the media, and especially not with the quintessential shaper of young minds — television or social media.

Contrary to what is in vogue in our "age of self-esteem," the faculty, administration, and coaching staff have praised you for your successes and hard work but have also corrected and disciplined you for a lack of effort or for poor performance. You were taught to accept responsibility for your own actions; and, you have learned hard lessons from failure and disappointment.

At Prep, you were academically challenged to think critically and to express your opinions in a respectful and thoughtful manner. While many schools shy away from addressing thorny societal issues due to the controversy that may surround them, Prep tackled these issues head on. Yes, at Prep you were assigned to read literary works that were banned by other schools such as *Of Mice and Men*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, and *Huckleberry Finn*. You were challenged to address the care of our environment, to hold a preferential option for the poor, to show tolerance towards and acceptance of those different from you. You were taught to be global citizens of an interconnected world. I am confident that you will carry these Ignatian ideals throughout life, allowing them to shape your discernment and decision making as leaders who will change our world through justice and compassion.

At Prep, you studied a faith that



does justice. Through your four years of Theology, your attendance at Masses and retreats, and your participation in daily prayer and the weekly Examen, you developed a moral compass which will help you navigate your way through a society whose emphasis can be on the superficial and whose values can be amoral. I believe that each of you will agree that a sense of morality, faith and charity are bright lights in a society that focuses on the ego, on self-fulfillment, and on excessive consumerism — a society that is the leader in what Father General Nicolas Adolfo referred to as the globalization of superficiality.

At Prep, you have eschewed the concept that "It's all about me" and about "taking care of number one." Instead you espoused the Prep Brotherhood not by mere words but by your actions. I applaud your commitment to those less fortunate than you through community service projects and your participation on Urban Plunges or on global missions to Ecuador, El Salvador, Jamaica, Appalachia, and Immokalee.

I applaud how you care for one another on a daily basis. I am never more proud of being a part of this amazing educational ministry than when I hear one of you chide a classmate who is giving an underclassman a hard time telling him: "Cut it out, we don't do that at Prep." You sing the fight song after every game, win or lose; you proudly

display Prep stickers on your cars, and with great pride wear Prep spirit wear. For you, the Prep Brotherhood is much more than just a catch phrase. It is, I know, an integral part of your life now and in the future.

We are not, as some may say, behind the times in an age when everything is labeled "instant and disposable." No, we truly believe that there is real value in clinging to values such as respect of self and others, hard work, and service to those in need.

Our history is replete with examples of the young making the world more just, more compassionate, and more equal under the law. I am from the generation of the '60s who promised the Age of Aquarius marked by love, understanding and social justice.

So, what will be your generation's legacy? How will you be remembered?

I truly believe that you will be remembered for your compassion, your conscience, and your willingness to act to make this world a just place for your children and your grandchildren.

Finally, having given his companions the requisite training, St. Ignatius sent them to the far corners of the globe. My final words to you come from his mandate: "Ite inflammate omnia" — "Go set the world on fire!"

I thank each and every one of you for being a part of my 49 absolutely memorable and rewarding years.





Alumni fathers, grandfathers, brothers, and graduating seniors gathered after the Baccalaureate Mass on May 31 for a group legacy photo.

**Pictured:**

- John '61, John '86 and Matt Chiota
- John '82 and JP Mancini
- Chris '82 and Christopher Massaro
- Mike '84 and Brendan Wilemski
- Jack '56, John '87 and Will Lucas
- Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J. (Center)

- Richard Kral '57 (grandfather) and Shane Murphy
- Steve '80 and Connor Bennett
- Bill '84 and Matt D'Amore
- Nicholas '16, Stephen '16 and Matthew Howard
- Joe '83 and Joe Mancini
- Bob '73 and Jack Lyons

- Justin Keith
- Peter '88 and Will Hastings
- Will '50, Bill '84 and AJ Valus

- Jake '92 and Jacob Hall
- Jeff Keith '80
- Chris '84 and Carter Kral
- Richard '81 and Mac Sheldon

**Not Pictured:**

- Chris '85 and Alex Baudouin
- Brian '80 and Cole Casl
- Todd '90 and Jack Flanagan

**Inset Photo:**

- Bill Sr. '51, Bill '79 and Chase Rodie

## TEACHERS HONORED

### MR. TOM SHEA '73

### Most Inspirational Teacher

I met Tom Shea '73 when I was looking to make a transition back into secondary school education after being a collegiate football coach. He answered an unsolicited cover letter and resume strewn with words like "passion" and "discipline" highlighting what I thought educating young men was all about. Lucky for me Tom agreed as he had just been hired to re-establish a proud football tradition here at Fairfield Prep. Our correspondence led to a couple of interviews, followed by me earning an unbelievable job opportunity that ultimately resulted in a deep friendship that I am forever grateful to have found.

Coach Shea's reputation amongst the students that know him here at Prep is akin to a personal guru and superhero wrapped up in one. Tom's character, intellect, and work ethic led him to be an exceptional success in the business and telecommunications world prior to returning to Fairfield Prep. Since that time he has become a well-regarded teacher in the English department, served quite successfully as both an assistant and head football coach – not to mention sent two sons through his high school alma mater. It's here where we add honor, compassion and selflessness to Tom's list of innate qualities as he continues to follow his second career path.

As Ignatian educators we are responsible to set a daily example of personal integrity and leadership through service that our young men learn from and follow for their betterment. Tom Shea does all that and much more. The 2018 Most Inspirational Teacher award is one he has well earned. Congratulations Mr. Shea!



**Tom Shea '73** receives award from Senior Class officers, from left: **Brian Noone** and **Alex McMullen**.

By Keith Hellstern, Social Studies teacher and Head Football Coach

### MR. JAMIE CHESBRO

### Yearbook Dedication

Over the course of his time at Prep, Jamie Chesbro has shared his gifts and talents with the Prep community. As a coach he has encouraged Prep's past soccer players and present

day golfers. In the classroom, his love of literature and writing coupled with his own high standards, inspires students to strive for excellence... Knowing how important it is for students to explore literature from the perspective of the writer, he founded Prep's Living Author Series which has brought celebrated authors to Prep to speak to students about crafting powerful pieces of writing. Quietly and never seeking praise for himself, he built [many literary] programs simply because of his love, not only of storytelling, but also for all Prep students... A published author, excellent teacher, loving son, devoted husband, doting father, and loyal friend, Mr. Chesbro serves as a faith filled example of a Man for Others. In the spiritual exercises, St. Ignatius writes that, "Love ought to manifest itself in deeds rather than words..." In considering St. Ignatius' definition of love, it seems to me that Mr. Chesbro epitomizes the very essence of its meaning. While at Prep, he has given completely and fully of his talents sharing his love for us in deeds and words.



Taken from the 2018 *Hearthstone* yearbook dedication, written by Elaine Clark, English Chair





# HIGH ACHIEVERS



**The Top 5% of the Class of 2018** At the Baccalaureate Mass, President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., recognized the outstanding academic achievement of students in the top 5% of their class by awarding them the Medal of St. Ignatius Loyola. Pictured with Fr. Simisky from left: **Matthew Howard, Nicholas Allen, Vincent Bartiromo, Bowen Chen, Christopher Kwon, Jack Llewellyn, Shane McGorty, Alexander McMullen, Brendan Wilemski, Dongxu Zhang, Haoxiang Zhang.** Previously, the students were honored at the annual Fairfield Rotary Luncheon held in the spring.

## Scholarships and Recognition

**NICHOLAS ALLEN** – Fairfield County Catholic Top Scholar, SCC Scholar Athlete

**VINCENT BARTIROMO** – UNICO Scholarship

**RYAN ECKERT** – Fairfield Police Union Scholarship (Judge Dan Caruso Memorial)

**STEPHEN GNIADEK** – Wakeman Boy of the Year, First County Bank Foundation Richard E. Taber Citizenship Award

**JACK GURNHAM** – SCC Scholar Athlete

**MATTHEW HOWARD** – Knights of Columbus Scholarship

**JOHN KOVALESKI** – Fairfield Police Union Scholarship (Judge Dan Caruso Memorial)

**CARTER KRAL** – SCC Scholar Athlete

**JOHN LLEWELLYN** – National Merit Commended, University of Notre Dame Provost Scholarship

**SEAN LYNCH** – SCC Scholar Leader

**CHRISTOPHER MASSARO** – SCC Scholar Athlete

**ALEXANDER MCMULLEN** – National Merit Commended, SCC Scholar Leaders, *Fairfield County Catholic* Top Scholar

**SHANE MCGORTY** – SCC Scholar Athlete

**ERIC MENGEL** – Susan Fund Scholarship

**JACK MESZAROS** – E. Cortright and Nancy Phillips Scholarship

**DREW NEWCOMB** – Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Parade Mr. Shamrock, Western CT Retired Military Officers Association Young American Award, SCC Scholar Athlete

**SEAN O'LEARY** – Kiwanis Scholarship Daniel Caruso Memorial Scholarship, Jacky Durrell Memorial Scholarship

**ANDREW THOMPSON** – CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete, News 12 Scholar Athlete

**JOSE REYES** – Chick Evans Scholarship

**GEORGE SEYFRIED** – Thomas J. Walton Scholarship

**WILLIAM SHORT** – News 12 Scholar Athlete

**WILL STENZ** – Circle of Hope Scholarship, Chad A. Jacobs Memorial Foundation

**AUSTIN "AJ" VALUS** – National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete



Nicholas Allen



Vincent Bartiromo



Ryan Eckert



Stephen Gniadek



Jack Gurnham



Matthew Howard



John Kovaleski



Carter Kral



John Llewellyn



Sean Lynch



Christopher Massaro



Alexander McMullen



Shane McGorty



Eric Mengel



Jack Meszaros



Drew Newcomb



Sean O'Leary



Andrew Thompson



Jose Reyes



George Seyfried



William Short



Will Stenz



Austin "AJ" Valus



# Thompson is Gatorade Runner of the Year

Senior **Drew Thompson** was named Boys Cross Country Connecticut Gatorade Runner of the Year. This award follows a long list of cross country accolades for Thompson who was named News 12 Scholar Athlete, All-SCC First Team, All State, SCC Runner of the Year, and received the U.S. Army Reserve Book Award. After completing an undefeated regular season, Thompson would go on to sweep the post season, finishing first at the SCC, Class LL, State Open and New England Championship meets. At the Northeast Championships, Thompson finished 7th out of 180 runners and qualified for the Footlocker National Championship in San Diego. Thompson finished 8th in the Footlocker Championship, earning him All-American honors.

Thompson joins Prep alumnus **Connor Rog '12** as just the second runner in Prep history to receive this honor from Gatorade. He is also a standout indoor and outdoor track athlete. This winter Thompson finished first in the 1600 meter run at the SCC Indoor Track Championships and was a part of



Drew Thompson '18 with Coaches Bob Ford Jr. and Bob Ford Sr.

the 4X800 meter relay team that finished first and set an SCC Meet record with teammates **MacKinnon Sheldon '18**, **Edward Tristine '19** and **Drew Newcomb '18**. At the Class LL and State Open Indoor Track Championship meet, Thompson finished first in the 3200 meter run earning All-State honors. Thompson would go on to finish second in the New

England Championship meet in the 3200 meter run. In Outdoor Track, Drew broke the school 3200 record with a time of 9:01.08 at the prestigious Glenn Loucks Invitational. He was a repeat winner of the SCC West Div. and SCC champion in the 3200, and he finished 2nd in the 3200 in both the Class LL Championship and State Open.

Thompson, a summa cum laude student, was named CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete. He was a member of the Irish Club and National Honor Society and worked with senior citizens at the Middlebrook Farms Home. Thompson has committed to Dartmouth University to continue his cross country career.

## Seniors recognized for scholarship and leadership

# McMullen & Lynch are SCC Scholar Leaders

The SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) hosted its 24th Annual Scholar Leader Banquet on March 26, 2018 in New Haven. Forty-six scholar leaders, chosen by their respective school principals, were recognized for outstanding scholarship and leadership in their respective schools and external communities.

**Alexander McMullen**, a summa cum laude honor student, was president of the Student Government and president of the Hispanic Culture Club. Alex is the senior leader of Encords, an acappella group that has performed at the NYC Jazz Festival. He was selected to perform in the CT Western Regional Choral Festival. Alex also performed in several school theater productions and was a member of the varsity tennis team. Alex has performed more than 100 hours of community service teaching piano to Bridgeport middle-school students, and in Southport working with students with autism and Down Syndrome. Alex will attend Duke University in the fall.

**Sean Lynch**, a summa cum laude honor student was a member of the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society. He was a member of the varsity tennis team, a staff writer for the Political Awareness Society, a member of the Trigstar Club, a Peer Tutor, a leader in Prep's retreat program, and a member of the Cardinal Key Society, a school service organization. Sean received the President's Volunteer Service Award for performing more than 100 hours of community service in one year. Some of the events in which he provided leadership include: fund raising for the Norma Pfriend Breast



Pictured from left: **Alexander McMullen '18**, former Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta and **Sean Lynch '18**.

Care Center, the White Ribbon Campaign to end violence against women, and service work at Operation Hope and the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Sean will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.



## Congratulations Eagle Scouts

- Brendan Wisnewski
- Jack Solway
- Alex Jarrett
- Drew Newcomb
- Frank Galli



# SENIOR EXCELLENCE

## Gniadek named Boy of the Year by Wakeman Boys and Girls Club

**S**tephen Gniadek '18 was named 2018 Boy of the Year by Wakeman Boys and Girls Club. A member of the Southport Clubhouse for twelve years, he has served as the Keystone Club co-president and a member of Junior Staff. At Prep, Stephen has received Magna Cum Laude honors throughout his tenure at the school, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is a valued participant in Campus Ministry, and has led and participated in both Urban Plunge service immersion programs and Kairos Retreats. Stephen has also been an editor of the yearbook since 2016, and is an integral member of the staff. He has volunteered at the Prospect House in Bridgeport where he cooks and serves meals for the homeless. Stephen will attend Boston College in the fall, and plans to study business.



## José Reyes named Evans Scholar



José Reyes '18 with his father José Reyes

**F**airfield Prep is pleased to announce that **José Reyes '18** has been named an Evans Scholar. The Chick Evans Scholarship for golf caddies is a four-year college scholarship named in honor of legendary amateur golfer, Chick Evans, whose legacy was to send deserving caddies to college. Recipients are nominated by the sponsoring country club and applicants are selected based on a strong caddie record, excellent academics, financial need and outstanding character. José Reyes is a young man who has distinguished himself by his dedication as a caddie at Rockrimmon Country Club in Stamford, and by his citizenship, character and accomplishments as a student at Prep. José has achieved well in all areas of study and has been recognized as a member of the Spanish Honor Society. He is an independent, hard working and determined young man who has extended his interests and talents outside of the classroom through Prep's Stock Market Club and Robotics Club, while impacting the community with volunteering for programs at the local Boys and Girls Club. José will begin his studies at Miami University of Ohio in the fall, with plans to study business.



From left: Lt Keith Broderick, **Ryan Eckert '18**, **Jack Kovalski '18**, Police Chief Gary McNamara and benefactor Charles Chiusano.

## Eckert and Kovalski receive Fairfield Police Union Scholarships

**P**rep seniors **Ryan Eckert** and **Jack Kovalski** were awarded Daniel Caruso Memorial Scholarship Awards from the Fairfield Police Union Scholarship Fund.

**Ryan Eckert** is an excellent example of a student, athlete and school leader who fully embraces Prep's Jesuit mission of service to others. As Captain of the ice hockey team, Ryan led Prep to the Division I State Championship. Ryan served as a student leader on Kairos and Urban Plunge. Ryan served as a Junior Deacon at Greenfield Congregational Church and attended its Appalachian Service project in Virginia for three years. Ryan has performed Christian service work teaching ice hockey through Connecticut Storm and tutoring at-risk students at the Urban Impact Center in Bridgeport. Ryan will attend Syracuse University in the fall.

**Jack Kovalski** has been a member of the football team for four years and played on the golf team as well. Jack has served as a Freshman Retreat leader, a Kairos Retreat leader, a Peer Ministry leader and a participant in Prep's Appalachian Service Immersion trip. He has volunteered at the Connecticut Food Bank, Operation Hope and at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission and has committed to serving at the Jewish Home for the Elderly. Jack caddies at the Patterson Club, and works part-time at Athletic Shoe Factory. He also has his own business—Jack's Lawn and Snow Removal. Jack is well known for going the extra mile for those in need and will bring his desire to serve and learn to the University of Dayton where he will begin study in the fall.

## O'Leary awarded Town of Fairfield and Kiwanis Scholarships

**F**or his solid citizenship, strong academic record and contributions to the lives of others, **Sean O'Leary '18** has been recognized for his scholarship and service to the community in being awarded the Jacky Durrell Memorial Service Award sponsored by the Fairfield Recreation Department and the Kiwanis Scholarship in memory of the late Judge Daniel Caruso. Sean is an excellent student and member of the National Honor Society, having achieved academic honors for all of his Prep years. He has made a strong contribution to the Prep community as well, having participated in both



From left: Ginna Paules (Town of Fairfield), **Sean O'Leary '18** and Principal Dr. Bob Perrotta

basketball and baseball, and serving Prep's Peer Tutor program. Sean places a high value on success and on how he can impact the world around him by his service, evident in his participation in Prep's Urban Plunge Immersion experience and by his dedication to volunteering at the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport. Congratulations to Sean for these recognitions and scholarships; his grit, determination and diligence will support him well in his studies at Fordham University where he will go to college in the fall.



# READY TO PLAY

## Scholar-athletes earn college opportunities

*Fairfield Prep proudly announces that by their strong character, academic success, and athletic efforts, many senior scholar-athletes have earned the opportunity to compete in sports while achieving their college degrees. Congratulations to our standout students and best wishes in your college endeavors!*

### • Baseball

**Connor Bennett** – Le Moyne College  
**Dan Fallacaro** – Sacred Heart University  
**Alexey Linsenmeyer** – University of Maine  
**Will Lucas** – University of Connecticut  
**Joe Mancini** – Boston College  
**Grant Purpura** – Drew University

### • Basketball

**Brian Noone** – Union College

### • Crew

**William Duffy** – Salisbury School/U.S. Navy Prep  
**Will Short** – Rhodes College  
**Nick Stachurski** – College of the Holy Cross  
**Chris Stich** – University of Wisconsin

### • Football

**Tommy Donohue** – Dickinson College  
**Anthony Mastroni** – Brown University  
**TaiRece Somers** – Sacred Heart University  
**Matt Trez** – Cheshire Academy

### • Hockey

**Jack McGee** – Brewster Academy  
**Evan Uva** – Niagara Falls Powerhawks

### • Lacrosse

**Skyler Celotto** – Emerson College  
**John Lyons** – Gettysburg College  
**Matt Pinho** – Bucknell University  
**Jae Stuhlman** – Ithaca College

### • Rugby

**Mike McLaughlin** – Norwich University  
**Aidan Stepsis** – University of Scranton

### • Soccer

**Connor Fitzgerald** – University of Connecticut  
**Everett Lyons** – Trinity College  
**Jonah Melton** – Bridgton Academy

### • Swimming

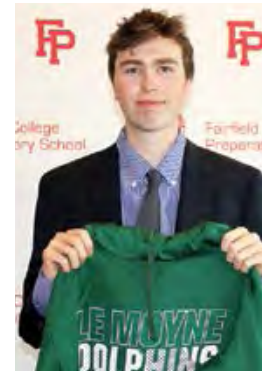
**Oliver Rus** – University of Virginia  
**Stan Yarmoussik** – College of the Holy Cross

### • Track/Cross Country

**Greg Anderson** – St. Joseph's University  
**John Gniбус** – College of the Holy Cross  
**MacKinnon Sheldon** – Xavier University  
**Drew Thompson** – Dartmouth College

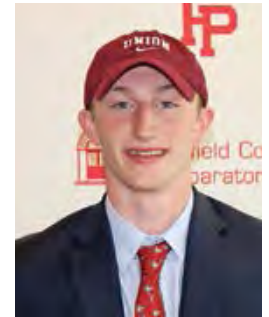
## Connor Bennett commits to Le Moyne College Baseball

Connor Bennett has signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his baseball career at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY. Bennett is a two year member of the Fairfield Prep baseball team which achieved a 25-2 record this year, won the SCC Championship, and advanced to the CIAC Semifinal. Last year Bennett helped the Jesuits to an SCC Tournament runner-up and CIAC Tournament quarterfinal appearance. Aside from the baseball team, Connor is also a member of the Irish Club at Prep and volunteers community service at the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport with middle school students.



## Brian Noone commits to Union College Basketball

Brian Noone has committed to continue his basketball career at Union College. Noone was a captain for the 2018 Jesuit basketball team as well as an All-SCC selection, Fairfield Prep Holiday Classic All-Star and team MVP. Noone also served as Student-Athlete Chaplain for the basketball team. In the 2017 season Noone helped his team to the SCC tournament semi-finals and CIAC tournament quarterfinals. In the classroom Brian is a cum laude student and has been involved in various clubs and service trips at Prep. In 2017, Noone was an Appalachian Immersion trip leader, Sophomore Retreat leader and member of the Latin Classics Club. In 2018, Noone served as a Kairos Retreat leader and was a member of the Student Government and Senior Gift Committee. Noone volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club in Stamford.



## Nick Stachurski commits to Crew at Holy Cross

Nicholas Stachurski has committed to row next year for the Holy Cross rowing team. Stachurski helped the Prep crew team to a NEIRA championship in the fall season as well as a place in the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta. In the classroom, Stachurski is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. In addition, Stachurski is a member of the Cardinal Key Club, Prep Environmental Club and the Campus Ministry program. Nick volunteers at the Middlebrooks Farms senior living center for his service work.



## Jae Stuhlman commits to Ithaca College Lacrosse

Jae Stuhlman has committed to play lacrosse next year at Ithaca College. Stuhlman served as a captain for the lacrosse team his senior year and has helped the Jesuits to three straight SCC tournament championships, two Class L quarterfinal appearances and one Class L semifinal. This year he was named All-SCC. Stuhlman is also a member of the Fairfield Prep varsity soccer team that advanced to the SCC Championship game this past fall. For his service work, Jae volunteers at the Broad River Homes and with the Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse league.





# SPORTS

WINTER  
2017-18

HOCKEY



## State Champions

**B**y any measure, the 2017-2018 Fairfield Prep Varsity Hockey team was an incredible success. Winning the Mount St. Charles Tournament, the SCC Championship and Fairfield Prep's 17th State Championship, this team truly left no doubt. They finished undefeated against Connecticut competition, amassing a 22-2-1 record.

Led by 13 seniors, this group embodied the "team first" mentality, often sacrificing personal achievements for team success.

Throughout the season offensively, it was a different player stepping up almost every night as nine players finished with more than 20 points. Incredibly, all six senior forwards reached the 20 point plateau (**Skyler Celotto**, **Carter Kral**, **Devin Blanchette**, **Ryan Eckert**, **Joe Mancini**, and **Kevin Oricoli**).

While the offensive numbers are impressive, the defensive numbers are incredible. Seniors **Cole Casl**, **Evan Uva**, **Matt Kernaghan**, **Ryan Dowd** and **Shane Murphy** led a defensive corps that allowed only 43 goals and only six power-play goals all season. Senior **Jack McGee** was sensational in net all year posting a rare 20 win season while logging more than 1,000 minutes.

While the statistics help tell the story of a dominant season, this team will most be remembered for the camaraderie off the ice and the improvement on the ice. Led by student-assistant coach senior **Matt D'Amore**, this was a team that came together early in the season and never wavered from their selfless goals. They worked extremely hard during early-morning skates and remained focused on long bus trips to Massachusetts and Rhode Island. For their efforts, they go down in Prep history as one of the greatest hockey teams the state of Connecticut has ever seen.

### HOCKEY HONORS

- **COLE CASL '18**  
CT HS Hockey Defenseman of the Year, CHSCA ALL-State, All-SCC, Mount St. Charles Holiday Face-off All-Tourney Team, All-Area
- **SKYLER CELOTTO '18**  
SCC Player of the Year, CHSCA ALL-State, All-SCC, All-Area
- **CARTER KRAL '18**  
SCC Tournament MVP, SCC Scholar Athlete
- **JOE MANCINI '18**  
CT HS Hockey State Tournament MVP, Mount St. Charles Holiday Face-off Tournament MVP
- **JACK MCGEE '18**  
CT HS Hockey Goalie of the Year, CHSCA ALL-State, All-SCC, New Haven Register MVP, All-Area
- **KEVIN ORICOLI '18**  
CT HS Hockey State Championship Player of the Game, Mount St. Charles Holiday Face-off All-Tourney Team
- **EVAN UVA '18**  
Pope Francis Invitational All-Tourney Team
- **COACH MATT SATHER '93**  
New Haven Register Coach of the Year
- **SCC DICK GAGLIARDI AWARD FOR TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP**





## Basketball

Basketball turned in another SCC season facing some of the state's stiffest competition. The early season was highlighted by an exciting victory over cross-town rival Fairfield Warde in the annual Prep Holiday Classic semifinal game. In the championship, the Jesuits pushed the top-ranked team in the state to the brink falling 68-63 after a valiant 4th quarter comeback. They also scored an impressive victory over ND West Haven at home, and made a late season push defeating Career, Sheehan and Cheshire during a 3-game win streak. The Jesuits ultimately fell to Hillhouse in the CIAC Division I tournament. The team was led by captain **Brian Noone** who shared the ball handling duties and led the team in scoring alongside freshman **Avery Brown**. Juniors **Finn Duran**, **Jack Scholl**, **Nick Rothe**, **Gabe Andrews** and **Jake McCarthy** will also be back to help the Jesuits next year; the team will miss the senior leadership of **Anthony Mastroni**, **Sean O'Leary** and **Brendan Wisniewski**.

## Indoor Track

The Indoor Track team had a successful winter highlighted by the team of **Drew Thompson**, **Edward Tristine**, **Mackinnon Sheldon** and **Azaan Dawson** winning the 4x800 relay event at the SCC Championship meet setting a meet record. The relay team would go on to a top 10 finish at New Englands, where Thompson also finished 2nd in the 3200m run.

## Skiing

For a third year straight, the Fairfield Prep Ski team captured the Connecticut Interscholastic Ski League title at Mount Southington. The Jesuits posted a score of 259.12, finishing ahead of Fairfield (263.53), Ridgefield (264.54), Wilton (264.67) and Staples (265.52). Prep was led by **George Visnic '19**, who finished 1st overall out of 127 racers. **Kyle Vaccarella '21** (5th), **Jack Gurnham '18** (11th) and **Connor Gurnham '18** (17th) all placed in the top 20 as well. Also racing for the Jesuits were **Aidan Feliciano '18**, **Jack Keenan '19**, **Pierce Barry '18**, **Evan Small '20**, **Patrick Kelly '20** and **Chase Reynolds '19**. **Jack Gurnham** was recognized as an SCC Scholar Athlete.

### BASKETBALL HONORS

- **BRIAN NOONE '18**  
All-SCC 2nd Team, Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team
- **EVERY BROWN '21**  
Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team

### INDOOR TRACK HONORS

- **DREW THOMPSON '18**  
All-SCC 1st Team, 1600m Run, 4x800m Relay, All State 3200m Run, All Area, All-Area (New Haven Register)
- **EDWARD TRISTINE '19**  
All-SCC 1st Team, 4x800m Relay
- **MACKINNON SHELTON '18**  
All-SCC 1st Team, 4x800m Relay
- **AZAAN DAWSON '21**  
All-SCC 1st Team, 4x800m Relay

## Swimming & Diving

The Swimming team got off to a quick 4-0 start vs. SCC opponents including a tough win over a fast-rising Daniel Hand team. The impressive lead was unexpected because the season had started earlier than previous years. Prep went on to defeat a strong Amity team and longtime rival Greenwich High School. Prep's veteran lineup won 9 of 12 events and captured the 6th dual meet victory over Greenwich in school history. The Prep veterans took control of the SCC Championship meet by winning the first medley relay in the competition. 28 swimmers and divers scored overall, and Fairfield Prep obtained its 14th straight SCC Championship. **Oliver Rus '18** was voted Most Outstanding Performer at the meet.

At the LL championship the Jesuits would go toe-to-toe with FCIAC powers Ridgefield, Staples and perennial state champion Greenwich – ultimately finishing Runner-Up for the second straight year. The team claimed victory in five events: 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay, 50 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke and 100 Breaststroke. The Jesuits would finish Runner-up at the State Open, pushing the Cardinals to the final relay. Prep scored 457 points, just one-point shy of their highest total ever. **Liam Colleran '19**, **Oliver Rus '18**, **Stan Yarmoussik '18** and **Billy Duffy '18** opened the meet with a victory in the 200-medley relay at 1:31.56, a State Open and CIAC record setting time. The other State Open swimmers included: **Richard Nolan '20**, **Brody Biebel '19**, **Ethan Keyes '19**, **Anthony Daccache '20**, **Alec Keblish '19**, **Jack Rogers '20**, and **Danny Duffy '20**.

## Wrestling

Prep Wrestling continued to have success in Head Coach Ned Dwelle's 2nd season, earning team victories over Derby, Somers, New Haven, Darien and Staples. Individually, the season was highlighted by **Dean Tsiranides** and **Henry Bosken's** 1st place finishes at the Ludlowe Invitational tournament. Tsiranides was also runner-up at the SCC Championships, while Bosken took 3rd place. Throughout the year, the Jesuits were led by senior captain **Henry Adiletta** and junior captain **Sean Bosken**. While Adiletta and senior **Will Dougherty** graduate a lot of experience and talent, the Jesuits will look to reload with many underclassmen on their roster.

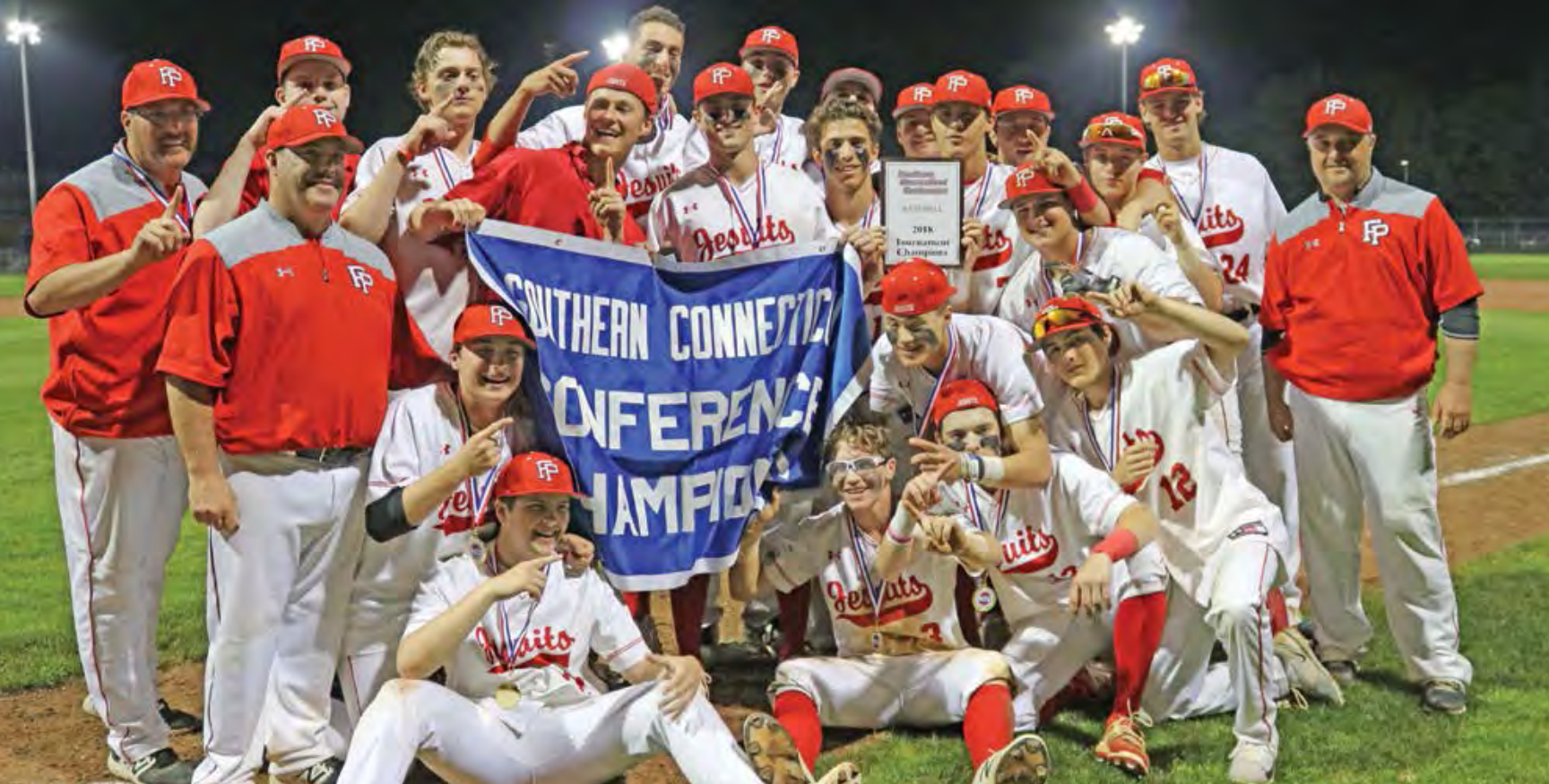
### SWIMMING HONORS

- **OLIVER RUS '18**  
All-American, All-State, All-SCC, SCC Championship meet MVP, All-Area
- **LIAM COLLERAN '19**  
All-American, All-State, All-SCC, New Haven Register All-Area
- **STAN YARMOUSSIK '18**  
All-American, All-State, All-SCC
- **WILLIAM DUFFY '18**  
All-American, All State, All-SCC
- **RICHARD NOLAN '19**  
All-State, All-SCC, All-Area
- **BRODY BIEBEL '18** All-SCC
- **ALEC KEBLISH '19** All-SCC
- **JACK ROGERS '20** All-SCC



# SPORTS

## SPRING 2018



## Baseball Team Makes History

**T**he Fairfield Prep Baseball team had a remarkable season marked by winning their first Southern Connecticut Conference Tournament title, set a program record for wins with 25 and garnered some national recognition in the process. The Jesuits went 19-1 (16-0 in the SCC) during the regular season earning the #1 seeds in both the Southern Connecticut Conference Tournament and the CIAC LL State Tournament.

The Jesuits opened the SCC tournament with a thrilling 1-0 victory in ten innings over Hamden. With inclement weather backing things up and a desire to get a champion crowned the league brass decided that the league semi-finals and championship game would be played on the same day, and that's what the Jesuits did. The team hosted their semifinal game against North Haven, a 7-0 victory, and then traveled to West Haven H.S. to play Daniel Hand for the SCC Championship. **Dan Fallacaro '18** drove in **Will Lucas '18** with an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth and **Pat Browne '18** sealed

the victory as he caught the final out in the top of the seventh to secure the victory and the SCC Championship. The victory marked the first league title for the Baseball program in 25 years and the program's first SCC title. The program has now reached the SCC final four times, 2010, 2015, 2017 and 2018.

After securing the SCC championship the Jesuits moved on to the CIAC Class LL State Tournament. The Jesuits defeated Norwalk 15-2, Southington 4-1 and East Hartford 1-0 in

the quarterfinal. The Jesuits' historic season came to an end with a 5-4 loss in ten innings to Cheshire High School. The Jesuits finished the season with a record of 25-2 (program record for wins), its first SCC Championship, a #2 State ranking by both the *New Haven Register* and *Hartford Courant*, and spent three weeks in USA TODAY TOP 25 for high school baseball (#21 in week 13, first time ranked in the top 25 in the country in school history).

### BASEBALL HONORS

- **WILL LUCAS '18**  
All-SCC, CHSCA All-State, ALL AREA New Haven Register, USA TODAY High School Sports: Connecticut First Team All-State
- **DAN FALLACARO '18**  
All-SCC, Southern Connecticut Diamond Club "No. 1 in Team Award"
- **JOE MANCINI '18**  
All-SCC, CHSCA All-State, All Area New Haven Register

- **ADAM STONE '19**  
All-SCC
- **PAT BROWNE '18**  
All-SCC
- **RUDY MAURITZ '94**  
SCC Coach of the year

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT DIAMOND CLUB TEAM OF THE YEAR**





## Crew

The 2018 spring season ended with the Crew team raising the bar yet again. All three Prep boats earned spots in the Grand Finals of their events during the season end NEIRA Championships.

Seniors **Chris Massaro**, **Kyle Bakonyi**, **Jon Psaras** and **Frank Gallagi** helped push the 3V boat into the Grand Final with a top 3 finish in the morning marking the first time the 3V advanced to the afternoon. The 2nd Varsity boat defeated Phillips Andover by an incredible display of heart in the last 250 meters to join 3V in the Grand Finals. Another first for Prep and a huge accomplishment for seniors **Derek Grabe**, **Nick Stachurski**, **Eric McDonald** and **Brian Helfrich** to end their careers.

Similar to the 2V, the 1st varsity needed to get top 2 to advance to the Grand Final. Phillips Hanover put up a tough competition and forced the Prep crew to work all the way down the course to nab a narrow victory of just .49 seconds to advance for the second year in a row to the Grand Final. Bow man **Will Del Col** and his fellow senior captains **Will Short** and **Billy Duffy** gave everything they had all season and set the example of leadership and resilience.



## Golf

The Fairfield Prep Golf team fell just a few strokes short of its goal of repeating as SCC champion. After a regular season which produced a 14-5-1 record, the team shot a Prep all-time best score 308 at the SCC Championship held at Race Brook Country Club. **Will Mallek** was co-medalist with an even par score of 71 and was named to the All-SCC team. Rounding out the Prep scoring were **Jack Kane** (78), **Tyler Blose** (79) and **Pat Louzan** (80). At the 49th annual Chappa Invitational both of Prep's two-man teams (**Mallek-Blose** and **Kane-Louzan**) shot even par to finish tied for 6th place.

In the Division I State Championship the Prep team finished 5th. **Will Mallek** led the way, shooting a team-best 72 (+1), followed by **Tyler Blose** (77), and **Evan Farruggio** and **Pat Louzan** who each shot 80. **Will Mallek** was named to the Division I All-State team and qualified for the inaugural CIAC Open Individual Championship, where he finished tied for 11th place.

## Lacrosse

Prep Lacrosse finished the 2018 season with a 14-7 overall record, reaching the Class L quarterfinals and winning the SCC Championship. The Jesuits opened their season playing 3 of the top 20 teams in the country; Massapequa, St. Anthony's and Chaminade. The experience helped prepare the Jesuits for the rest of the season where they would go on to defeat perennial in-state powerhouses New Canaan, Cheshire and Staples. The 2018 team was led by senior captains, **Skyler Celotto**, **Justin Keith**, **Sam Keresey** and **Jae Stuhlman**.

### LACROSSE HONORS

- **MASON REALE '19** SCC Player of the Year, All-SCC, CHSCA All-State, All-American, New Haven Register MVP
- **CONNOR BOYLE '19** All-SCC, CHSCA All-State
- **TJ WALTON '19** All-SCC, CHSCA All-State
- **SEAN FOX '21** All-SCC
- **JUSTIN KEITH '18** All-SCC, CHSCA All-State, Academic All-American, New Haven Register All-Area
- **SAM KERESSEY '18** All-SCC
- **SKYLER CELOTTO '18** All-SCC
- **ETHAN GRANDOLFO '19** All-SCC
- **JAE STUHLMAN '18** All-SCC
- **MAX MCGILLICUDDY '20** All-SCC

## Rugby

The Prep Rugby team closed its 37th season at the state championship. Prep fielded 5 teams and 118 players, for a combined season record of 23-26. Prep's Red team won the Division II Championship with a 43-35 victory over Ridgefield. Prep hosted the Northeast Jesuit Tournament, welcoming teams from Fordham, Canisius, McQuaid, St. Peter's Prep and Loyola-Blakefield. Despite Prep's fall to a strong Fordham team in the final, the team earned the respect of every spectator. Three-quarters of this year's graduates will be playing Rugby in college. **Shane McGorty '18** was named a SCC Scholar Athlete.

## Sailing

The Fairfield Prep team took part in the annual "Fairfield Cup" at Pequot Yacht Club. The Jesuits were led by **Jamie Paul** and **Chase Reynolds** in the radial and standard Laser division with both of them coming 1st overall. In 420s, **John Sisk** and **Will Donovan** came out of the day with a 4th place overall finish in the B division. A combination of **Matt Wiig**, **Jack Solway** and **Ronan Flynn** then placed 3rd overall in the A division. Those finishes helped the Jesuits win the Fairfield Cup over rivals Darien, Ludlowe and Brunswick for the first time in 20 years.

## Tennis

Tennis finished the season with an overall record of 13-8 (11-5 SCC). The Jesuits opened with an important 6-1 league victory over Cheshire, followed by a 5-2 victory over rival Ludlowe with key wins from **Chris Hilton** and **Nash Lovallo** (All-SCC) in singles.



and **Nick Allen**, **Brian Donohue**, **Pierce Barry** (All-SCC), **Ethan Fabro**, **Julian Richtarich** and **Kyle Barry** in doubles. The team defeated Cheshire again, receiving wins from **Sean Lynch**, **Jared Dlenst**, **John Godino** and **Louis Guzzi**. They wrapped up the regular season beating Xavier and defeated them again in the SCC quarterfinals. In the CIAC tournament Lovallo reached the 3rd round of the singles, while Barry and Fabro reached the doubles quarterfinals.

## Track & Field

Team leaders (seniors) **Drew Thompson**, **MacKinnon Sheldon**, **Drew Newcomb**, **Gregory Anderson**, **John Gnibus**; (juniors) **Edward Thristine**, **Robert McCullough** and freshman standout **Azaan Dawson**, set the stage for a school record-setting season and the leaders did not disappoint. Records include: **Gregory Anderson**: 100m, **Drew Thompson**: 2 mile and the 4x100 relay with members, **Gregory Anderson**, **John Gnibus**, **Robert McCullough** and **John Irapoli**.

**Drew Thompson** finished his Prep career setting multiple school records. He and the following seniors will be missed: **Gregory Anderson**, **Drew Newcomb**, **John Gnibus**, **Mackinnon Sheldon**, **Jack Meszaros**, **Frank Denhup**, **Peyton Denson** and **John Feeney**. The future is bright with rising stars on the horizon: **Edward Tristine**, **Azaan Dawson** and **Robert McCullough**.





2018 SEED DINNER

# Celebrating Diversity

The annual SEED Diversity Dinner, one of the largest Prep family events, was held on April 26 in the Student Life Center. Approximately 450 guests attended, honoring the graduating seniors and welcoming the incoming freshmen. Families were asked to bring dishes that represented their culture or ethnic background, and with more than 100 families, the food was plentiful! Speakers included seniors and freshmen, as well as parents, who gave testimony to the success of the SEED (Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity) program.

SEED celebrated its anniversary this year as an integral and important program in the Prep Community, promoting racial, academic, socio-economic, religious, and cultural diversity. This was a milestone year for the event as Dr. Robert Perrotta was honored for his commitment to the SEED program as it encapsulates his passion for diversity among the student body. Dr. Donna Andrade, founder of SEED announced an award of distinction for his support of SEED during his tenure at Prep. (See photo at right with Mrs. Thomas).

Special thanks to Mrs. Alecia Thomas, Director of Diversity & Academic Support Services, the Faculty Committee on Diversity (FCOD), Prep families, and Prep staff members for making this evening possible.







## Washington, D.C. Visit

During Spring Break, 35 SEED students with Prep chaperones visited the Washington, D.C. area on a college/cultural tour. During the trip, students visited destinations such as the White House, Washington Monument, Ford's Theater, the Memorials (Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the Vietnam Memorial), and the African-American Museum. In addition to visiting the historical sites, students toured college campuses including Georgetown University, Howard University, and Loyola Maryland. The purpose of the trip was to educate students on the history of the United States as well as introduce them to college campus life.





# Honoring Prep's Greatest

**Fairfield Prep** honored seven of its former athletes and coaches at its 2nd Annual **Athletic Hall of Fame** in front of a crowd of more than 300 on June 1, 2018. Alumni, family and friends enjoyed tributes to



all of the honorees, and **Traug Keller '78, P'11, '17** (SVP, ESPN) served as Master of Ceremonies. This

year's honorees were: **Jim Lyddy '63, Tom Lyddy '67** (posthumous), **Jack Ringel '54, Bob Skoronski '51, Roger Ratchford '51, Ed Rowe '59** and Bob Sylvester.



## BOB SKORONSKI '51

The Ansonia native and former Derby resident became the first Prep graduate to play in the NFL. The left tackle and offensive captain of the Packers under legendary coach Vince Lombardi played 11 seasons, all with Green Bay, and was a member of the first two Super Bowl winners in 1967 and 1968, respectively. The 6-foot-3 Skoronski played center and linebacker in his senior year as Prep went 5-2-1 in 1950. He then played three seasons at Indiana before being drafted by the Packers in 1955. He was selected as the center on Prep's All-Decade team from 1942-1951.



Gene Skowronski '61 accepted the award for his brother Bob.



## ROGER RATCHFORD '51

In a stellar career that spanned 40 seasons (1966-2005), the venerable golf coach racked up an astounding 690 victories, presided over five state championship teams and was named CHSCA Coach of the Year in 1983. Although he never had an undefeated season, seven of Ratchford's squads finished with only one loss. In 1998, a second-place finish in the Division I state championships derailed Prep's shot at a perfect season (25-1).



## JACK RINGEL '54

Jack was talented enough to play four seasons of varsity football and baseball at Prep. A bruising 6-foot-1, 185-pound fullback, Ringel was co-captain of the Jesuits' first undefeated and untied team (8-0) in 1953. He set a Prep and regional scoring record that season with 128 points and was an honorable mention All-American. Ringel then went on to play three seasons of varsity football and baseball at Holy Cross. With Ringel in the outfield, the Crusaders finished third in the 1958 College World Series.



Jack and son Jon '83







**ED ROWE '59** Except for a one-year sabbatical in 1978, Ed Rowe was synonymous with Prep baseball. From 1968-77 and then from 1979-2005, Rowe guided the Jesuits for 36 seasons, compiling a 477-326 record with 11 league championships and two appearances in the state championship finals. Rowe had three seasons of 20 or more victories and his teams made 28 state playoff appearances, including a run of 21 straight. He was named Daily News Coach of the Year in 1983 and CHSCA Coach of the Year in 2000.



Ed with son Eddie '87



**JIM LYDDY '63** The 6-foot, 170-pound guard has the distinction of being the school's first All-State selection in basketball. At the time of his graduation, Lyddy was Prep's all-time leading scorer with 1,308 points and was named to a pair of All-MBIAC first teams. He was also a two-time All-MBIAC selection in baseball. Lyddy played college basketball at Georgetown, where he captained the Hoyas his senior season.



The late **TOM LYDDY '67** Another multi-sport standout, Lyddy played football, basketball and baseball at Prep, but his prowess on the gridiron made him stand out. The late end/defensive lineman was named All-MBIAC, All-State and Catholic All-American his senior season. He received a football scholarship to Maryland, but a severe knee injury curtailed a promising career. He transferred to Fairfield, where he starred in baseball before graduating in 1972.



Jim accepted for himself and his late brother Tom.



**BOB SYLVESTER** If nothing else, Sylvester's legacy as Prep basketball coach was validated when he delivered the school's long awaited first state championship in 1969. That team, featuring Prep Hall of Famer Jim Fitzsimmons and the late Hal Smith, went 23-1, was ranked No. 1 in New England and came to be regarded as one of the Connecticut's all-time best. It was Sylvester's only title, but for 16 seasons at the helm, he was overwhelmingly successful. From 1961-62 until his retirement following the 1976-77 season, the 2006 New England Basketball Hall of Fame inductee compiled a 286-114 record, a 71 percent winning percentage. From 1966-67 through the title season of 1968-69, Sylvester's Jesuits went a phenomenal 64-6, winning three MBIAC titles and reaching the state championship game each season.



Bob Sylvester (center) with alumni basketball players



## 2018 REUNION WEEKEND



Watch video highlights on the Prep YouTube channel at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)



HUNDREDS OF ALUMNI RETURN TO PREP

# 2018 Reunion Weekend

**H**undreds of Fairfield Prep alumni from as recent as the Class of 2013 and as far back as the Class of 1948 returned for a fun filled weekend of activities and social gatherings on June 1-3.

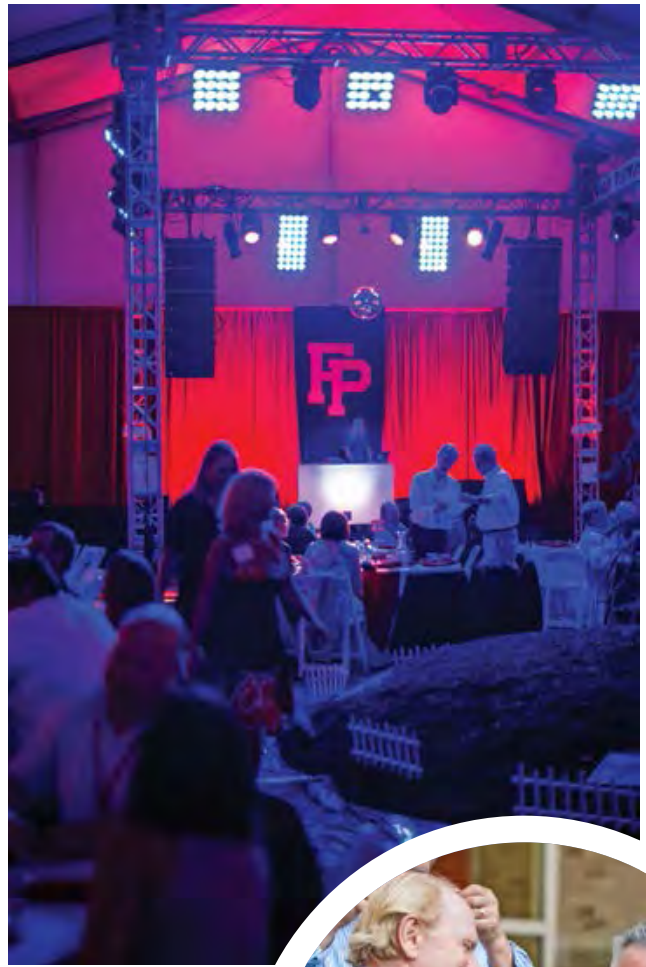
The weekend was a special occasion for the graduates of the Class of 1968, who celebrated their 50th reunion.

The weekend kicked off Friday with Prep's Golf Outing at Great River Golf Club in Milford, followed by the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet Friday evening. Saturday opened with a 5K Fun Run/Walk, continued with an alumni rugby game and finished with a Mass and a reunion party under a huge tent in the Prep Quad.





# 2018 Reunion Weekend



See more reunion  
photos at  
[fairfieldprep.org](http://fairfieldprep.org)





# GOLF OUTING

More than 130 alumni, parents and friends of Fairfield Prep enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at Great River Golf Club in Milford on Friday, June 1, to support Prep's scholarship in honor of former head golf coach Roger Hatchford. Special thanks to the tournament committee chaired by **John Chiota '86** and consisting of **John Chiota '61**, **Kevin Foley '73**, **Jim Butler '86**, **Alex Oracheff '94**, **Kevin Kozlowski '99**, **Rob Weiss '09**, and **Nick Simonetti '02**. Special thanks to alumni who helped at the event: **Nick Perna '60**, **Sandy Sulzycki '64** and **Shawn McDonnell '72**. The tournament was organized as a scramble and offered breakfast, lunch and reception afterward, then back to Prep for dinner as part of the Athletic Hall of Fame program.



# RUGBY

On Reunion Weekend players came from far and wide to participate in the Alumni Rugby Game. Pictured from

left: **Jan Pikul '89** was the oldest FP rugger, **Aidan Stepsis '18** was the youngest and **Declan Rowley '13** traveled the farthest to play (Dublin, Ireland).



# 5K FUN RUN/WALK

More than 100 ran or walked through campus on June 2. There were babies in strollers and many of our alumni, current families, and friends of Prep made it a fun run/walk! After the race everyone was treated to breakfast, Fr. Simisky, S.J., spoke to the group and our students gave tours of the school.



# 1968

## 50th Reunion

2018 REUNION WEEKEND



Mark Mulvaney '68 and Francine Carmody

The Class of 1968 enjoyed an activity filled reunion weekend June 1-3, beginning with Prep's Golf Outing Friday, the Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday evening, a 5K Fun Walk/Run and a breakfast, presentation and tour at Prep on Saturday morning. The classmates and guests were invited to Saturday evening Mass at Egan Chapel with principal celebrant President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J. Next, the golden reunion celebrants joined everyone under the big tent in Prep Quad for the cocktail reception, dinner and dancing. Sunday events continued with breakfast at Prep and Commencement at Alumni Hall, where the Class of 1968 processed with the Class of 2018 and received their golden diplomas.

*"I just wanted to thank you for a fabulous weekend for me and the Class of 1968. It truly was one that I will never forget."* JIM SHUKIE '68



Jeff Carter '68 receives his golden diploma from Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.





# Alumni Class News

Submit your news and photos easily online at [www.fairfieldprep.org/alumniupdate](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/alumniupdate).

Email us at [development@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:development@fairfieldprep.org) or mail to Fairfield Prep Alumni Office, 1073 North Benson Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824.

## news

### 1940s

### 1950s

**Dr. Roger A. Fazzone '58** published a history of Maplebrook School, an international boarding school for students who learn differently. Dr. Fazzone has published three other books dealing with Learning Disabilities and lives in Sherman, CT with his wife of 49 years, Kathleen.

**Roger Ratchford '51** was inducted into the Fairfield Prep Hall of Fame as golf coach on June 1, 2018. See page 36.

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**John Sincavage '60** recently returned from a position with the US Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany for a position with US Army Special Operations Command, 1st Special Forces Command at Fort Bragg, NC.



Members of Prep's Class of '64 reunited at their Class of 1968 College of the Holy Cross 50th Anniversary Reunion. Pictured from left to right are **Tom Mulry '64**, **Walt Stapleton '64**, **John Moriarty '64**, **Dominick Thomas '64**, and **Jay Howard '64**.

### 1970s

**James "Jim" Vail '72** was recently appointed as the first president of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, PA. Vail has 40 years of experience in Catholic education, including 30 years in high school administration. He recently completed six years on the Leadership Advisory Council and as the PA and NJ representative to the Executive Committee of the Secondary Department of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).



### 1980s

### 1990s

**Robert P. Hagan '95** has been made a partner in the DC law firm Clifford Chance. His practice area is structured finance. He continues to reside in Arlington, VA with his wife Erika and two children Frances and Neil.

**Robert A. King '97** spoke about his military experience to Prep students and their mothers as part of a service project in which they created "Hero Boxes" to be sent to U.S. troops. (See page 50.) Bob attended Providence College where he entered into the ROTC program and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Engineer Corps in 2001. After the completion of Engineer Officer Basic Course he was assigned to the 861st Engineer Company of the Rhode Island National Guard as a Platoon Leader. In 2003 he volunteered to deploy to Kuwait (soon to be) Iraq with the 115th Military Police Company, and was assigned as the platoon leader. Bob was stationed in Baghdad and Fallujah Iraq. While in Fallujah he conducted numerous combat missions with the 101st Airborne Division, Task Force 3-15 of the 3rd Infantry Division and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. His unit was moved to Balad Iraq to conduct convoy escort missions and route recon missions. In November 2003, as his unit fell under strength due to casualties and wounded, they were sent back to Kuwait to conduct security missions for the remainder of their tour. After Bob's tour in Iraq he was assigned as the rear detachment commander of the 861st Engineer Company. Upon the return of the company, he was promoted to Captain and assigned as the Company Commander of the 861st Engineer Company. Two years later Bob chose to retire from the Army. His awards include: the Army Commendation Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Gold Combat Spurs, Meritorious Service Medal, Airborne and Air Assault badges. Bob is married to his wife Molly and has two children, Henry and Annabelle. Currently he is the Vice President of Operations at King Industries in Norwalk CT.

**Sean P. Lenahan '96** of Wilton, CT was recently named Institutional Sales Director for the New York Tri-State and New England divisions at U.S. Trust. In this role, Sean will be responsible for all institutional & nonprofit cultivation and growth efforts partnering with both the U.S. Trust and Merrill Lynch channels in the Northeast. Sean brings 18 years of institutional and wealth management experience to the role, previously with Commonfund where he spent 10 years engaging nonprofit



fiduciaries. Active in his local community and in volunteer efforts, Sean is passionate about the work he does for the nonprofit community and looks forward to an expanded opportunity to meet their needs in this new role.

**Robert S. Ryan '92** and his family recently relocated for his job with FedEx from Fort Worth, TX to the Memphis, TN area.

### 2000s

### 2010s

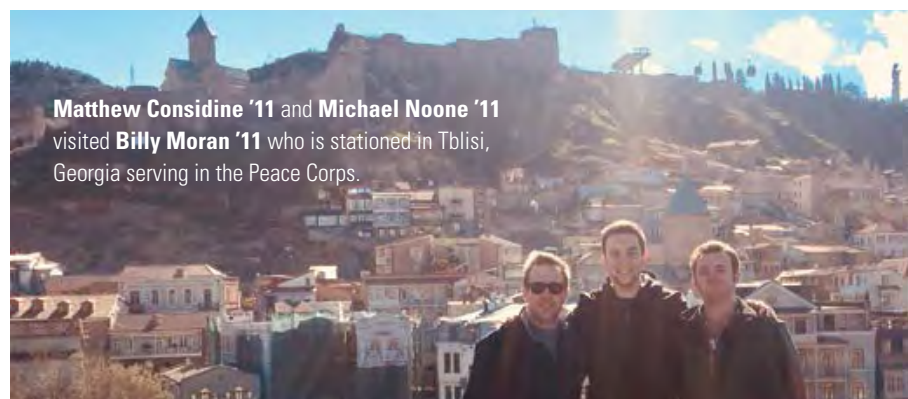


**Sam O'Mahony '10** graduated with a law degree from Roger Williams School of Law. The ceremony took place May 18, 2018. Sam took the CT bar exam in July. Pictured from left to right are Sam's parents Bob and Maryellen O'Mahony; his grandmother Pat Brennan, wife of the late **E. Gaynor Brennan Jr. '48**, and Sam's two sisters Tatum and Schuyler O'Mahony.

**Matthew Rahtelli '13** (pictured right) enlisted in the Army as a combat engineer and graduated from OSUT (One Station Unit Training), a combined 15 week basic training and AIT, in the middle of June. He will serve in the U.S. Army Reserve while working in a civilian profession. He has accepted a full-time position with IBM as a Software Engineer, where he will be assisting in securing identity and managing access across the enterprise.



**Carter White '13** has been volunteering with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in San Diego. (See page 48.)



**Matthew Considine '11** and **Michael Noone '11** visited **Billy Moran '11** who is stationed in Tbilisi, Georgia serving in the Peace Corps.



# Fr. Jim Bowler, S.J., Honored

On May 18, Fairfield University and Fairfield Prep honored Rev. James M. Bowler, S.J., for his many years of service to both institutions, with a dinner and program held in the Student Life Center. A leader in the field of Jesuit education, Father Bowler served as Prep's principal from 1977-1983 and implemented many changes that have endured to this day. Noteworthy examples are the Christian Service program, the Graduate-At-Graduation foundational document, and Prep's administrative structure.

**Christian Service:** As a direct response to Father General Pedro Arrupe, S.J.'s mandate that Jesuit schools re-orient themselves to educating "Men for Others," Father Bowler instituted Fairfield Prep's service program and made it a requirement for graduation, which



Prep faculty and staff with Fr. Bowler, from left: **Mike Connelly '83**, Bob Ford Jr., Corey Milazzo, Jamie Chesbro, Colleen Keltos, Dr. Bob Perrotta, John Hanrahan, Maureen Bohan and Dr. Donna Andrade.

was at that time a novel (and somewhat controversial) undertaking.

**Grad-At-Grad:** It was under Father Bowler that Fairfield Prep became the pilot school for formulation and implementation of the Graduate-At-Graduation philosophy, which subsequently was adopted by all Jesuit schools as the foundation for the mission

of Jesuit education.

**Administration:** A visionary in leadership, Father Bowler oversaw a wholesale re-organization and modernization of Prep's administrative structure, which (notwithstanding changes in titles and added positions) remains essentially unchanged to this day.

## In Memoriam

Lawrence P. Baldelli on April 19, 2018. He was the father of **Niko Baldelli '15** and **Gino Baldelli '18**.

Joseph Bilotta on June 1, 2018. He was the father of **Gregory J. Bilotta '95** and **Nicholas J. Bilotta '97**.

**George R. Bisacca Sr. '46** on May 8, 2018. He was the father of **George Bisacca '73** and **Joseph J. Bisacca '83**. He was the grandfather of **David M. Lehn '94**, **Benjamin P. Lehn '02**, and **Nicholas A. Lehn '07**. He was a member of the first 4-year graduating class. Bisacca played basketball for Prep and returned to coach the Prep team for 6 seasons. He went on to become the head basketball coach at Fairfield University, and later served as the Athletic Director.

Joan Black on June 11, 2018. She was the mother of **Owen J. Black III '73**, **John R. Black '75**, and the grandmother of **Brian O. Black '02**.

**Daniel Boland '52** on April 20, 2018.

**Richard P. Boivin '56** on July 10, 2018. He was the uncle of **James J. Chishom '89**.

**Richard Carroll '64** on July 20, 2018.

Lynn Cenatiempo on April 17, 2018. She was the mother of **Anthony L. Cenatiempo '97** and worked in the Prep Cafeteria for many years.

**Trevor J. Collings '90** on April 22, 2018.

Dorothy F. Connelly on March 15, 2018. She was the mother of **Michael V. Connelly '78** and the grandmother of **Michael J. Connelly '15**.

**Michael J. Corey '54** on April 30, 2018.

Patricia McNeal Dolan on March 6, 2018. She was the wife of **Jay P. Dolan '54**.

**Donato D. Doria '64**, on March 23, 2018.

**Paul Gabor '56**, on March 4, 2018. He was the father of **Michael Gabor '79**.

Lillian Garofalo on May 6, 2018. She was the wife of **Emil V. Garofalo '45** and mother of **Edward E. Garofalo '81** and **Richard G. Garofalo '83**.

**Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Green '56** on April 28, 2018.

**Thomas J. Keegan '46**, on March 30, 2018. He was the grandfather of **Terrence W. Keegan '08**.

**E. Stanton Kennedy '45** on April 10, 2018.

**Richard P. Landy '48** on May 7, 2018.

**Phillip A. Lauria '05** on May 30, 2018.

**Robert J. McKeon '50** on April 5, 2018.

**Joseph P. Miller '76** on March 30, 2018. Joseph proudly served as Director of Alumni Relations and assistant football coach at Fairfield Prep from 2002-2007.

Ralph J. Money Jr. He was the father of **Ralph P. Money '77**, **Michael F. Money '78** and **James J. Money '79**. He was the grandfather of **Matthew L. Leonard '10**. Ralph also spent many years teaching math at Fairfield Prep.

**Brian C. Murray '90** on May 2, 2018. He was the Uncle of **Ryan T. Collins '11** and **John P. Collins '16**.

**B. Michael Nero '58** on July 27, 2018. He was the brother of **Nicholas M. Nero '59**, and the father of **Michael S. Nero '97**.

**Rev. Martin J. Nikodem '58** on March 8, 2018.

**Gerard M. O'Leary '56** on July 5, 2018. Gerard also served as a basketball scout for Prep for many years.

**John E. Quinn '59** on June 10, 2018.

**Joe R. Relihan '47** on May 8, 2018.

**John J. Ryan '53** on March 29, 2018. He was the father of **David J. Ryan '88**.

**Alan Seeley '70** on April 7, 2018.

**Jay M. Sirois '99** on April 17, 2018.

**Bernard T. Smith '56** on May 2, 2018.

Herbert R. Smith on March 20, 2018. He was the father of **Douglas H. Smith '78** and **Darrin N. Smith '88**.

Irene Stanczyk on June 23, 2018. She was the mother of **Mark A. Stanczyk '71**, **Allen M. Stanczyk '72** and **Matthew A. Stanczyk '82**. She was the grandmother of **Ian McCrystal-Stanczyk '02**.

**David S. Sutherland '58** on April 8, 2018.

**Chris A. Timpanelli '78** on June 12, 2018.

**Michael J. Turcsany '55** on July 6, 2018.

**Frank N. Zullo '50** on May 26, 2018.



## Latin Scholars Ride in the St. Patrick's Parade

For many years, the O'Keefe family has sponsored a float in the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade that carries the "Latin Scholars." The group started with members of the Class of 1946, who have gathered socially as alumni and raised funds for Brazilian mission work (led by classmate Monsignor **Rev. Joseph Potter '46**), the Fr. Tom Murphy, S.J., scholarship and other needs.

Pictured: **Bud Carroll '50**, **Joe Sigmic '51**, **Ted Lovely '51**, **James O'Connell '56**, **Ed O'Connell** and **Frank Lawson**.



# engagement



**James P. Horne '09** is engaged to Jacqueline Grace Farrall. The couple plans to marry in October at Saltwater Farm Vineyard in Stonington.

# BIRTHS



**Peter D. Loncto '90** and his wife Kathryn welcomed baby number two on March 8, 2018. Sarah Elizabeth arrived safe and sound and the whole family is doing well.



On May 14 in Longmont, CO, **Timothy M. Burke '98** and his wife Kelley welcomed their daughter, Stella Theresa. Stella joins her big brothers, Harrison and Sam.

# weddings



## Demaio Wedding

**Nick Demaio '06** married Caitlin Verespice on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at St. Mary's Church in New London, CT. Pictured L to R: **Ben Howley '06**, Colin Larsen, **Matt Felner '06**, Jason Medoff '06, **Nick Demaio**, **Charlie Grover '06**, **Billy Giuliano '06**, and **Yanni Zribi '06**.



## Beckles Wedding

**Nate Beckles '98** married Winter Canavan on June 8, 2018 at Boston City Hall.



## Hanrahan Wedding

**Jim Hanrahan '05** married Kyla Wagman on October 28, 2017 in Washington DC. Prep alum **Matt Oehlsen '09** was in attendance. The puppy, Ruby, was a surprise gift for Jim's bride.

# FACULTY/STAFF

## Notes

**John Szablewicz**, Social Studies teacher and Prep Historian, recently completed writing *75 Years of Excellence: A History of Fairfield College Preparatory School*. John signed the newly published copies at the June 2018 Reunion (see photo page 39). The history book is for sale in the Prep Pride Campus Store and online: [www.fairfieldprep.org/preppride](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/preppride).



**Fr. Michael Boughton, S.J.**, serves as rector of the Faber Jesuit Community at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (BCSTM). He was the former president of Fairfield Prep from 1996-2006.

**Bob Sylvester** was inducted into the Fairfield Prep Hall of Fame for basketball on June 1, 2018. See page 37. Bob is pictured with **Fr. Charles Allen, S.J.**



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Prep Family,

It is always with pride that I tell people I graduated from Fairfield Prep. Usually I joke that my class rank was 210 out of 200. I wasn't a great student, but I graduated and have had a very successful life with volunteerism and community service an important part of my life. Much of my success I attribute to my Prep education.

Recycling and the environment are two areas that have been a big part of my volunteer efforts. Reading the "Waste Not!" article by Sarah Stanley in the Spring 2018 *Prep Today* motivated me to send this note and a small donation to be used in the area of greatest need. Keep up the great work and keep making me prouder every day.

Sincerely,  
**Bill O'Brien '64**

### Waste Not!

**T**he Fairfield Prep community is committed to environmental stewardship and reducing our carbon footprint. We encourage all students, faculty, and staff to participate in our recycling program and to reduce waste wherever possible.

**Prep Lunchtime Waste Audit Results:**  
 75% of recyclables separated, 7% less of general waste

326 Plastic Bottles	30 Aluminum Cans	19 Paper Containers
7 Food Trays	54 Paper Plates	16 Paper Cups

Thank you to all who participated in the audit!





## Ryan Brennan '11 Scholarship

The annual Corn Hole Tournament in honor of **Ryan Charles Brennan '11** was a success. The fun-filled day takes place at the home of Chris and Mary Ellen Brennan-Connelly, P'15, '21 on Memorial Day weekend. The family holds fundraisers each year to honor Ryan's memory. All of these fundraisers contribute to the Fairfield Prep scholarship established in Ryan's name – and these events, as well as other direct gifts have raised over \$320,000 for the scholarship. Many thanks to the Brennan family and all of their relatives and friends for their continued generosity!



## A Legacy of Jesuits

At Spring Auction 2018, the Prep community was pleased to have four Jesuits in Attendance. From left: President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J.; Rev. Michael Boughton, S.J., former president; Rev. Charles Allen, S.J., former headmaster; and Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J., former chaplain.



## Zelle Family Reunion!

Brothers **Jim Zelle '57** and **Steve Zelle '54** reunited with cousin **Joel Zelle '68**, who attended his 50th Reunion in June.



## It's a Massaro Family Affair!

The Massaro family turned in force to celebrate the graduation of **Christopher Massaro '18**. Prep Alumni and current students in the family fan base included: **Matt Massaro '19**, **Dan Massaro '19**, **Brandon Massaro '09**, **Joe Landini '07**, **Craig Massaro '78**, **Chris Massaro '82**, and **Cal Massaro '84**.



Spiritan Father Phil Evanstock, pictured here Dec. 10 at Notre Dame Preparatory, is a big football fan. He's on Saints' sidelines, in Arizona Cardinals' seats and behind the altar offering Masses for visiting NFL teams.

Spiritan **Father Phil Evanstock '52** is a man of many titles. He's a calculus teacher, math club moderator and faithful Notre Dame Prep Saints football fan. His team loyalty doesn't solely lie with the Scottsdale high school team though. It extends to professional football players who visit the Valley to play against the Arizona Cardinals.

This marks at least his fifth season offering vigil Masses for National Football League players, coaches and other team staff who are Catholic and might find it difficult to attend Mass at a dedicated church on game day. Fr. Evanstock essentially brings the church to their hotel conference room.

That means regular visits to the Ritz Carlton and one hotel in downtown Phoenix. Fr. Evanstock brings his Mass kit, which contains the chalice, communion hosts, chasuble, wine and other liturgical essentials.

Source: [catholicsun.org](http://catholicsun.org)

## Colin Lomnitzer '14 is Seminarian

**Colin Lomnitzer '14**, of Trumbull, a seminarian at John Fisher Seminary Residence, received his Candidacy from Bishop Frank J. Caggiano on Sunday, April 22, at St. Pius X Church in Fairfield.

As a freshman at Fairfield Prep Colin began wondering if he had a vocation to the priesthood. The search led to him attending a vocations fair at Sacred Heart University and went as far as Colin "nearly" completing an application to the seminary, when he was a high school senior. Colin will officially begin his studies at St. Joseph Seminary, Dunwoodie this fall.

Source: [FairfieldCountyCatholic.org](http://FairfieldCountyCatholic.org)



## Firefighters

**Dan Gregory '87**, **D.J. Rickard '95**, and **Joe Capalbo '09** are currently employed as firefighters in the City of Danbury Fire Department.





In the front office vestibule, a bronze plaque has been installed to honor Dr. Robert Perrotta.

## A LETTER FROM DAVID HOMINIK '73 TO DR. PERROTTA:

# Gracias y vaya con Dios!

**G**reg Marshall '73 wrote a wonderful retirement tribute to Dr. Perrotta (*Prep Today*, Spring 2018). But Greg, like the **Tom Dever '73** he referred to and Greg's cousin **David Quatrella '73**, were all Spanish 101 stars who recall our former teacher through the blissful memories of "A" students. I have the privilege of remembering then-Mr. Perrotta as the first teacher who ever gave me an F, and as one of the best, most dedicated, giving instructors ever.

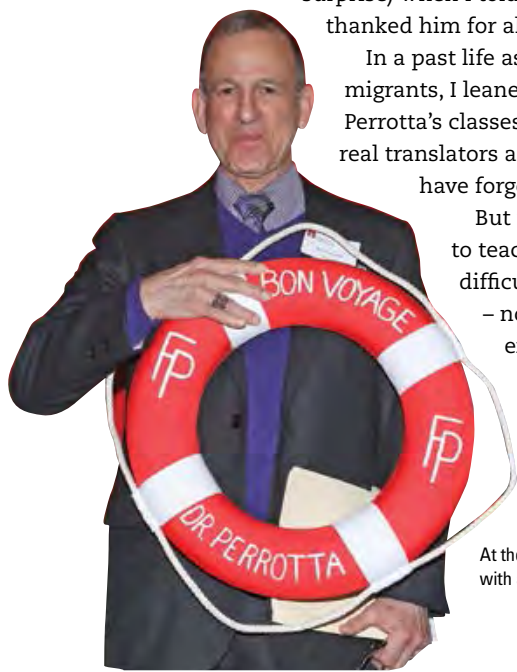
After Mr. Perrotta awarded me a series of well-deserved Fs, he sat me down and encouraged me to work on assignments in his presence during mutual free periods and after the regular academic day. In time, Fs became Ds – and eventually Cs. Though difficulties continued, I stayed with Spanish – as a sophomore (without Mr. Perrotta) and as a junior where, again with Mr. Perrotta's encouragement, Cs became Bs. I signed-up for senior-year Spanish, not as Greg's article stated due to rumors of a much easier instructor, but only after learning that Mr. Perrotta would be teaching.

That summer, Mr. Perrotta taught me as part of Fairfield University's Upward Bound program for Bridgeport inner-city students. Due to Mr. Perrotta's ceaseless summer and early senior year drills, I scored well-enough on a national exam to earn Spanish Honor Society membership. I can still see Mr. Perrotta's congratulatory smile (perhaps mixed with surprise) when I told him about the honor – and profusely thanked him for all he had done.

In a past life as a legal services attorney working with migrants, I leaned upon Spanish lessons learned in Mr. Perrotta's classes enough to start client relationships until real translators arrived. However, after years of minimal use, I have forgotten most of the Spanish lessons taught.

But the real lasting lessons Mr. Perrotta helped to teach me remain ever clear: When things get too difficult, do not give up. Failure can lead to success – not over-night, but with incremental, often extremely small, steps. And, while I have been teaching a paralegal certification course this past decade: Never give-up on a student or anyone else having difficulties – as long as they remain willing to try.

At the Spring Fashion Show the Bellarmine Guild honored Dr. Perrotta with a "Bon Voyage" life preserver.



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## Whiteman, Yale Baseball, named Academic All-American

**Simon Whiteman '15**, a junior short-stop on the Yale baseball team, was named a first-team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Whiteman was the only Ivy League player named to the team this year.

Whiteman is a chemical engineering major and has a 3.99 GPA. He's interested in a career in energy production, specifically solar energy and photovoltaics. The Fairfield Prep product moved from second base to shortstop this spring and was one of the top defensive players in the league. He also had 53 hits, 31 runs scored and 31 RBIs.

Whiteman played for the Valley Blue Sox of the New England Collegiate Baseball League this summer.



## Alumni in Yale vs. Harvard

On July 19, **Kevin Stone '15** (Harvard Baseball) of the Danbury Westerners played **Simon Whiteman '15** (Yale Baseball) of the Valley Blue Sox in a New England Collegiate Baseball League game at Rogers Park in Danbury. The first pitch was thrown out by Prep Baseball Coach **Rudy Mauritz '94**. **Alex Giobbi '11** serves as Westerners' assistant general manager.

From left: **Kevin Stone '15**, **Alex Giobbi '11** and **Simon Whiteman '15**



## Crist in Boston Marathon Top 100

**George Crist '16** ran the Boston Marathon in April placing 82nd out of 30,000 runners with a time of 2 hours and 36 minutes. He was one of the only two 20-year-old runners finishing in the top 100, the second being his teammate from the USAFA Marathon team.



## Vintage Photo of 1987 Rugby Team

**James Gallacher '87** submitted this "vintage" photo of the 1987 Rugby team. The first Prep Rugby coach was Frank Decker (far left) who continues to coach today.



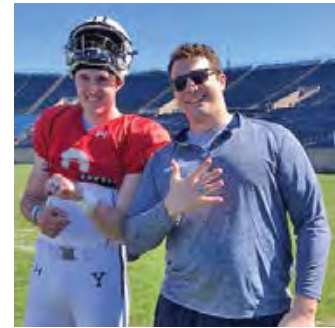
## Lockery '14 drafted by Pirates

Central Connecticut State University's 2nd Baseman **Dean Lockery '14** was taken in the 32nd round by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Lockery played for Coach **Rudy Mauritz '94** and the Jesuits.



## Rookie of the Year

**Matt Zaffino '17** is the first Hamilton baseball player to be named NESCAC Rookie of the Year, and was also named on the NESCAC All Conference team. He's third in the conference with a .620 slugging percentage, fifth with a .484 on-base percentage and 11th with a .359 batting average. Zaffino is tied for the NESCAC lead with four triples, tied for fourth with 26 walks, tied for sixth with three homers, 10th with 30 runs and tied for 11th with 57 total bases. He finished with 33 hits in 92 at-bats and played in 33 of the team's 34 games. Zaffino recorded 10 multi-hit games and boasted a 15-game hit streak from March 19 through April 14.



## Ring Bearers

**Nick Crowle '14** and **Patrick Conte '17**, both of whom played football for Prep and Yale, were awarded their Ivy League championship rings. Yale won the sole Ivy League title last fall and they received their rings at the Spring Game on April 21, 2018.



## Rugby Champion

**Brendan Shea '08**, a veteran member of the Denver Barbarians Rugby Club, helped his team win the Men's Division II Club National Championship on June 3 in Glendale, Colorado. Brendan, a starting forward, led the Barbarians to a thrilling 39-38 victory over the Detroit Tradesmen. He played rugby and football in his four years at Prep, and captained the Wake Forest rugby team.



## Boston College Alumni Lunch

The Prep Alumni Office stopped by Boston College to have lunch with its college-age grads on April 18. From left: **Aidan Coyle '16**, **Stephen Walsh '14**, **Connor Lynch '16**, **Brendan Sullivan '14**, **Jack McKeon '15**, **Jack Bosken '16**, **James Mangan '15**, **Tate Duran '15**, **Phil Lynch '14**, and **Vignesh Ravi '16**.



# Great Turnout for Boston Alumni Reception



The Boston Alumni Reception was held on April 18 at the Liberty Hotel. Prep alumni from the area gathered to reconnect, reminisce, and network with fellow alumni. The event was a great success reuniting more than 30 alumni in the Boston area. Fairfield Prep President Father Tom Simisky, S.J., engaged the crowd with an informative “State of Prep” address and his Strategic Vision for Prep’s future. Fun was had by all.



## McKeon '15 Steps Up

If you ask **Jack McKeon** (Prep '15, BC '19) why he decided to run the Boston Marathon, he'll tell you all about how much his friends who had run it previously inspired him. “It started off as, ‘I want to do this before I leave BC, so I’ll apply,’” McKeon said.

“I applied for probably 25 charities with a \$7,500 dollar baseline,” he said. “I got all rejections and waitlisted by one, which was Dana-Farber. I said ‘Yes, I’d like to be considered for the waitlist.’”

He went home last winter with low expectations for April. Soon after, his sister passed away from NORSE, a medical condition characterized by severe

seizures that don’t respond to typical treatment methods.

“It was a bucket list thing at the start, and then it became much more,” he said. “I wanted to run something for her.”

He started 2018 with a renewed purpose—but still no bib. He turned to his uncle, who had previously run the marathon for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Shortly afterward, he returned with a belated Christmas present—with one major caveat. “I kind of gave him a ‘You speak for me as far as this,’” McKeon said. “But he was like, ‘Oh yeah, by the way, I may have told them you could do \$20,000.’”

The minimum amount each entry in the Boston Athletic Association’s Official Charity Program has to raise is \$5,000, with the average per runner clocking in at \$10,000. With only a few months to go, McKeon faced twice that, on top of training for his first-ever organized running experience.

“I’ve only been running since the day I found out,” he said.

His fundraising efforts also constituted a community effort, as friends, family, neighbors, and strangers banded together to fuel his journey to \$20,000, primarily through Facebook. More than \$2,500 dollars of his total came from selling Marathon Monday t-shirts at BC, which was accomplished with the help of a fellow student and McKeon’s neighbor, a t-shirt distributor.

With less than a week to go, McKeon had the easiest part of his journey remaining: running the marathon—a bizarre thought. In the end McKeon was left in awe of the outpouring of support he’s received over the previous months. “I just want to make sure my friends get credit, because they’ve been a big part of this,” he said.

Source: BCHeights.com

## Tony Fox '14 featured in 'Faces of Fordham'

FCRH '18, Engineering Physics, Concentration in Mechanical Engineering

Student-Coach. President for RHA Off-Campus Housing. Member of the Robotics Club. Automotive Engineering Club. Fordham Leadership Academy.

Fordham Gents Initiative. UNICEF. There isn’t a corner of Fordham’s campus that **Tony Fox '14** hasn’t explored. Fox is also on the board of “Beats for Cleats,” which meshes culture with music and athletics in an effort to provide inner-city youth with sports equipment.

Source: the Rival, Fordham University



## Carter White '13 in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps

**Carter White '13** (pictured front) writes: “I have been absolutely loving my experience with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) in San Diego. My community has been a wonderfully supportive and challenging group to live with, my work in campus ministry has been very rewarding and it’s not half bad getting sunshine 365 days a year! The shot of me and my community are from our Orientation retreat in August. Speaking from my experience going from Prep to Georgetown to JVC, I’ve loved staying connected to the Jesuit mission.”





# Thank You!

Taken from a speech by **Jordan Wingate '18**  
at the 2018 Spring Auction



theology teacher, Mr. Cashman, called me outside. Mrs. Thomas told me she saw that I was not able to get through all of my requirements of that day. It was through the help of Mrs. Thomas, my teachers, and my friends that I was able to get through that day and the days that followed. Today I am happy to say my mom is 100% cancer free.

Fairfield Prep boasts about its quality of education but education expands further than the walls. It is in near and far communities that we are able to learn different ways of life which allow us to be well-rounded thinkers. These are done through immersion trips which cost money to attend. Countless people every year are able to learn this way only through donations. I've had the privilege of attending five immersion or school trips in my time here. All were made possible through donations from people like you. I whole-heartedly believe that my experience at Prep is only complete because of these trips. These service trips were especially important to me because it was my way of showing that I am thankful for the services that I have benefited from. I found this through Mrs. Thomas always having my back, to my friends, SEED brothers, and educators sending prayers towards my family when we needed it most, and from all of you for investing in our education.

I'd personally like to thank my parents for supporting me in all I do, my teachers for preparing me, and donors for giving me a chance to attend this wonderful school. Fairfield Prep teaches us we have control over our choices. So it is my decision to choose to be great.

**A**s a kid from Hamden, I lived on a street where if you followed it south you'd pass Albertus Magnus College and Yale. These two colleges are sandwiched in between a dangerous neighborhood that my parents wouldn't let me walk through. They didn't have to worry because I knew I had no business there.

What I didn't realize was this would be a metaphor for my life. As a minority, society places an immense burden that comes in the form of two choices: succeed or become a statistic. Four years ago I attended a high school night trying to decide which school I would go to. Mr. Marshall gave a presentation on Fairfield Prep. I went to three other presentations and none of them interested me as much as Prep did. I knew I wanted to go to Prep. What I didn't know was how my family would be able to afford it. My parents insisted that I apply and that they would find a way.

When I got the big acceptance letter in the mail I was so excited. I didn't even bother applying to any other schools because I knew Prep was where I wanted to be. Only a few days later, my parents

were in contact with Mrs. Thomas. With the help of her seeing my potential, in addition to my parents and donors investing in my future, my dream of attending Fairfield Prep became a reality.

Out of all the years in high school, junior year is the hardest. It is the last year to make a good impression with

*I knew I wanted to go to Prep. What I didn't know was how my family would be able to afford it.*

colleges before you send out applications, so it is important to perform well academically. I found out just how hard junior year could be.

After returning from my first immersion experience in Immokalee, Florida, my family sat me down to talk. I learned of my mom's cancer diagnosis and that she was going to have a procedure on the following day. That was the longest night of my life filled with every emotion imaginable. That next morning I was given the option to stay home or go to school; I chose school so I could keep busy. Sitting in classes consumed by my worries, my

## Day of Giving Was a Success!

**T**hank you to the Prep Community for your tremendous generosity and demonstration of "Prep Pride" on our Day of Giving on March 17! We are extremely grateful to the 800+ alumni, parents, friends, students and teachers who helped celebrate Prep with gifts on our amazing day! As we continue to make strides with our strategic initiatives, it is your loyal support that makes everything possible for our students and faculty. While we often act individually, it is our collective effort that makes all the difference. Thank you!





# We are family...

## MOTHER/SON SERVICE PROJECT

### Filling Hero Boxes



**Bob King '97** spoke about his military service to a group of Prep students and their moms, as part of a service project to pack "Hero boxes" to ship to U.S. Troops overseas. See Bob's background on page 42 in Class Notes.



## MOTHER/SON COMMUNION BREAKFAST

### Bon Appétit!

**T**he annual Senior Mother/Caregiver-Son Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, April 29, with Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Simisky, S.J., at the Egan Chapel.

Mothers received roses from their sons, which were blessed at the celebration. Approximately 175 mothers and senior sons enjoyed a delicious breakfast and camaraderie in the Student Life Center following the Mass. Mrs. Elaine Clark was the guest speaker and gave an enlightening speech on the special relationship between mothers and sons. A special thanks to all who helped organize the event including the Co-Chairs Regina Bobroske P'19 and Deborah Kavanaugh P'17, and Michèle Oricoli, P'16, '18 for creating the mother/son slide show.



## BELLARMINE GUILD FASHION SHOW

### On the Runway

**M**ore than 175 guests enjoyed the Spring Fashion Show which featured the mothers and sons of the Class of 2018. The event was sponsored by the Bellarmine Guild and held at the Inn at Longshore in Westport on April 3. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, shopping with fashion vendors, live runway fashion show, and a delicious dinner. Special thanks to co-emcees Mr. Kevin Kery, Theology teacher, and Mrs. Alecia Thomas, Director of Diversity & Academic Support Services. Dr. Robert Perrotta led the blessing before dinner. The chairing committee included: Cathleen Davenport P'18, Antoinetta Fitzgerald P'18, '19, Lara Linsenmeyer P'18 and Mary Alice Noone P'11, '13, '15, '18. Additional thanks to Michèle Oricoli, P'16, '18 who made the mother/son slideshow; and the entire Fashion Show committee for planning and hosting this event.





# RECORD-BREAKING Spring Auction

**W**ith 260 people in attendance the Annual Spring Auction held on May 5 focused on financial aid, the Beyond the Classroom Fund and honoring retiring principal, Dr. Bob Perrotta. The event raised \$375,000 which is the most in Prep auction history! In addition to a night of delicious food, friends and a great performance from the Prep Men's Chorus, the winning ticket of the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle was pulled. The Prep Community thanks Co-Chairmen Beth Kelly, P'13, '16, '18 and Nancy Lyons, P'18, the Auction chairs Eileen Blees, P'15, Mary Ellen Connelly, P'15, '21 and Jane Pompa, P'12, '16, plus the many committee members and volunteers. Prep also offers special gratitude to all of our generous Sponsors and Benefactors (listed at right) who helped to underwrite the evening.



## Gil Family wins \$25,000 Tuition Raffle

The winner of the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle was **Javier Gil '21**, brother of **Santiago '19**, and son of Victor Gil and Carmen Penaranda. Congratulations to the Gil Family!

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A Sampling of the Fairfield Prep Class of 2018

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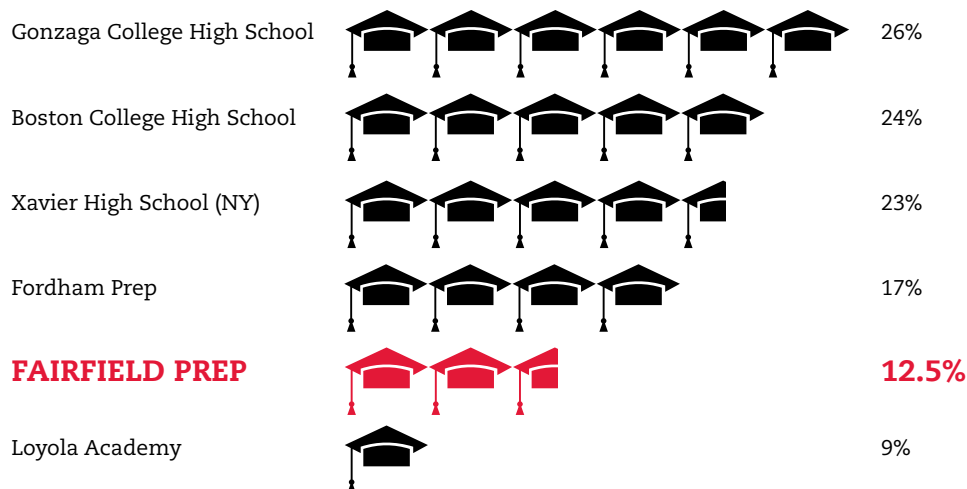




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**SATURDAY,**  
**May 4**

**Spring Auction**

Student Life Center

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**SATURDAY,**  
**June 1**  
**Class Reunions**

'44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '74, '79,  
'84, '89, '94, '99, '04, '09, '14

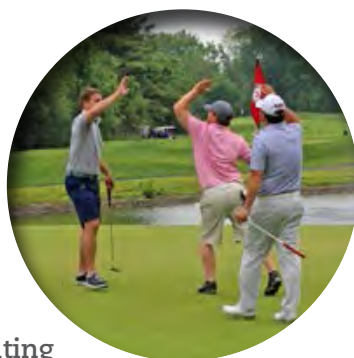
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**FRIDAY,**  
**May 31**  
**Golf Outing**

Great River Golf Club

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**SATURDAY,**  
**June 1**  
**5K Fun Run/Walk**

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**FRIDAY,**  
**May 31**  
**Athletic Hall  
of Fame**

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**SATURDAY, June 1**  
**SUNDAY, June 2**  
**Class of 1969  
50th Reunion  
Weekend**

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